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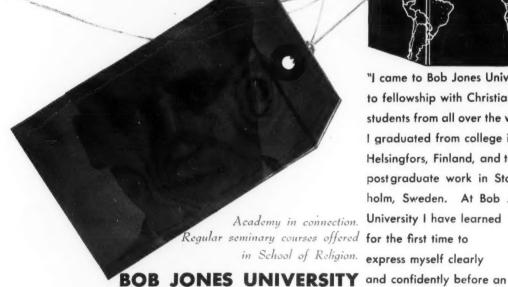




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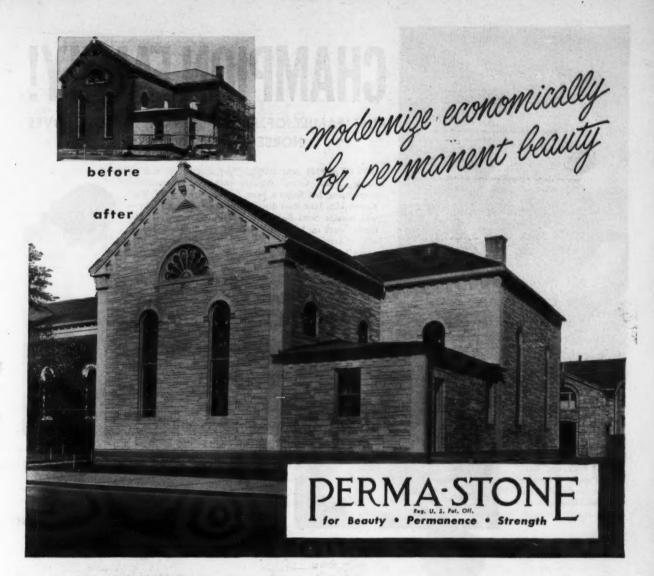


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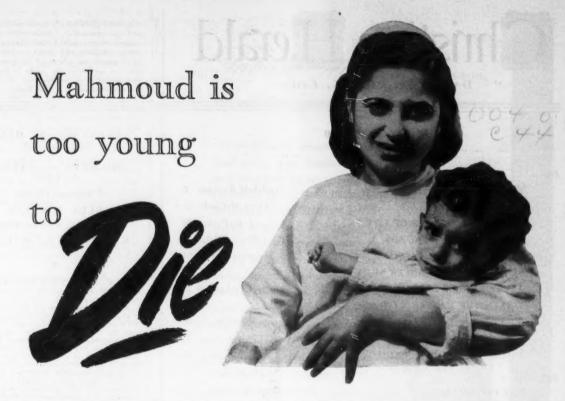
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Our cover girl this month is pretty Gail Christenson, whose father, Irving C. Christenson, shot the piquant photograph of her. Gail attends Sunday school at First Congregational Church, Chappaqua, N. Y., along with a sister and two brothers. Her mother is active in the Woman's Society; her father is a trustee; together they are presidents of the Couples Club. Gail's grandfather, the Rev. Carl C. Christenson, was pastor of Saron Lutheran Church,

Chicago, for thirty-five years and was well known in the Augustana Synod.

Henry J. Kaiser (Lessons My Mother Taught Me, page 31) has been called the 'greatest builder of modern times." He built the world's mightiest dams-Hoover, Grand Coulee, Bonneville-and during the war he built ships faster and in greater numbers than had ever been done before. He has built factories that are producing everything from gypsum to automobiles. He has constructed whole communities of homes. From 1931 to 1945 he participated in more than seventy major construction projects. At present he is head of the huge

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Alice Byington McKeand, writes the sprightly The Door Bell Rang, page 21, confesses that were she living in Grandma's days, she would qualify for a lace-trimmed cap and a rocking chair. "Now, thanks be," she thanks be's, "we widows beautify ourselves with permanents and take up new activities when we no longer have family cares." She was born and grew up in a New England village. Here she attended a private school "where manners, poetry and correct English were stronger in the curriculum than the three R's." For some years now she has made her home in California, but she still "loves New Englanders."

She began writing only a few years ago under the stimulus of a creative writing class taught by Dorothy Banker. "When my first story was read in class and was well received I was so elated I didn't sleep a wink all that night," declares Mrs. McKeand and continues: "A new world of delight and satisfaction opened for me. The joy of creating never grows dull. A person has to take his friends as they are; one can mold fictional characters at will."

Ralph W. Sockman (On Bringing Jesus Home, page 27) is one of the truly great preachers of this generation. Also he is unique in that he has served but one church—famous Christ Church in New York. He began there as assistant minister in 1915, became minister in 1917 and has served the parish brilliantly ever since. Dr. Sockman rose to national importance through NBC's "Radio Pulpit" where he has been heard for fourteen years. He has been liberally bestowed with honorary degrees, has served on countless church and lay organizations. His many books have been widely read; some like "Live for Tomorrow" and "Date With Destiny" were best-sellers. His latest, just out, is "The Higher Happiness."

Beatrice Plumb (God Whispered to Me, page 24) is an old-time friend of Christian Herald and its readers. Way



back in 1924, Graham Patterson, then publisher of this magazine, accepted Miss Plumb's first contribution—a short story—and asked for more. Miss Plumb didn't have to be asked twice; the following year a series of her short stories appeared

as well as a serial, "A Girl Named Faith," which ran for twelve long installments (ah, those good old, pre-paper-shortage days!). The readers cried for more Plumb and the lady obliged with another serial, "The Little 'Un of the Big House." Since then there have been hundreds of pieces-fiction and articles, even poetry—from her pen. "And though my output is less now," she writes, "I hope to do hundreds more."

Miss Plumb was born in London, England, and began her literary career at the age of 5 with a short story printed in huge charcoal letters on a flagstone path of the family home. At 10 she won a prize with a poem, but not until she had proved that the lines were not plagiarized. The Quiver, a sort of English equivalent of Christian Herald, accepted a short story from her when she was 16. At 20, she signed a year's contract for a story a month.

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ANSWERS Questions

The Federal Council

• I am terribly mixed about the true character of the Federal Council of Churches. I would like to know the truth. I can't believe that these men are Communists but the charges against them are pretty convincing. Can you give me more information?

OHIO

C. A. K.

The information that the one asking this question needs and that would be helpful to many others is found in "The Truth About the Federal Council of Churches." It will be mailed on request. Address your inquiry to: The Federal Council of Churches, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York City. You may be sure that the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America is not a Communistic or "left wing" organization.

Children and Communion

• I am a deacon and seek your answer to a question that has arisen with regard to serving communion to children. What would you do in a situation like this: A family belonging to the church sits with their child or with several children. The children are members of the church parish, belong to the church school, are part of the church life. When the emblems are passed, should the youngsters be ignored or if the parents wish the children to partake, should the parents be allowed to assist the children, the family thus partaking together?

BAKERSFIELD, VT. A. C. W.

The question contains the answer. I do not remember when I first communed. Always then I knelt with my mother at the altar of the church. I am asked for my personal opinion and you have it! To me it is sad and almost tragic that there should be any question about such a procedure as is described.

Not Enough God

• I have a "pet peeve" because not teaching Jesus as the son of God "lest we confuse the children, who think of Joseph as His father," is the practice in so many Sunday schools. Don't you think the confusion is in the minds of the educators themselves? Our pastor refers to "too much nature and not enough God" in stories for beginners. What do you think?

HIGHLAND, CAL.

D. F.

I have the same "pet peeve." The one asking this question goes right to the heart of a significant, vital matter. The question itself is a better answer than I could frame.

Persecution of Missionaries

• What do you know about the persecution of missionaries of the Church of Christ in Italy? Is this just a newspaper story?

It is far more than a "newspaper story." The persecutions are intense and they continue. These Protestant missionaries have been stoned and their lives endangered. Recently the official Vatican Organ accused them of being Communists. They are not Communists. Also a statement from this same source said that what had happened in these Italian towns could well have happened in American communities where the majority of the population is "Irish Catholic." That I do not believe and if it were true, it would be a tragedy for America.

Cigarette Money

• Recently I read an article which stated that if the church had one-tenth of the money spent for cigarettes in America, we could put missionaries in every needed field. Why not challenge smokers to abstain for one month in every year and give the money to God's work?

TRELOAR, MISSOURI D. H.

Why not? The correspondent also suggests such course could be applied to Christians who drink liquor, and of course—much to my regret—there are hundreds of thousands of Christians who both smoke and drink. A tithe of all these moneys would make possible world evangelization in a generation!

The Soul's Fate

• If the personality of Cardinal Mindszenty was really changed by the tortures of his captors, what about his soul's salvation. Do you believe that man can change or destroy the soul? New Jersey Mrs. A. S. A.

Man can only break the body. This of course includes the brain and mind. Man cannot destroy the soul. The diabolical practices referred to in this question cannot reach beyond the grave. God is still master of the soul's fate.

Divided Christendom

• Is Protestantism alone to blame for the split between the two branches of Christendom?

New Hampshire

T. M.

A popular weekly recently called attention to an answer that the Rev. Joseph Lortz, professor of church history at Munster University in Westphalia, gives to that question. Professor Lortz writing in the Catholic Liturgical monthly, Orate Fratres, stated directly that Roman Catholicism must share the "guilt." In this article Father Lortz writes as follows: "Long before Luther there existed in the Catholic Church herself much that foreshadowed the Reformation . . . In other words, the so-called 'causes' of the Reformation had their origin within the limits of the Catholic Church. . . . That means the Reformation had important Catholic roots." This writer declares that, "We are basically co-responsible for the divided Christendom of the past four centuries." He then asserts that both Protestants and Catholics must accept responsibility for "the unity of Christendom."

Christ's Birthday

• All my life I have been taught that December 25 is the birthday of our Lord. Recently I heard a pastor insist that Christ was born on Christmas Eve, the 24th. What is the important fact?

LASALLE, ILL. H. T.

The exact date of Christ's birth is reasonably open to question and debate but the world celebrates December 25th and all history from Christ's birth is dated accordingly. Calendars are one thing but the reality itself, His coming into the world and all that follows that event—these alone are vital.

"American Freedom and Catholic Power"

• I have been told that the publishers of Paul Blanshard's book, "American Freedom and Catholic Power," which is among the best sellers on the nonfiction list, have been refused advertising space in certain newspapers and other public journals. Is this true? If it is, what do you think? Also, where can I get the book?

New York C. H.

If the publishers have been refused, the refusal is un-American. That is what "I think." As to the book, if you are unable to get it elsewhere, send \$3.50 plus 15 cents for postage and packing to The Editors, Christian Herald House, 27 East 39th Street, New York 16, New York, and we shall forward it promptly.

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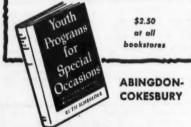
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heart of the great city.

There lately came to my notice an obscure piece of fealty that I think reveals the dauntless nature of human character at its best. It is a story about two Negro brothers, and it is a true story. I have long known them both, and have admired them as farmers and fishermen-simple, stalwart, honest, humble folk, and very devoted to each other. When they used to bring their oysters and shrimp, their seabass and trout to sell in the sea-coast town where I then lived, I always liked to buy from them. They told me tales of the woods and the waters; making a living the hard way, they were never sullen about it. Even before this thing happened that I am about to relate, they had appealed to me as modest and genuine men of a fine type. Too rarely, indeed, are the virtues of the American rural Negro recognized and publicized.

Ben and Jim live on the South Carolina coast, their little homes

tucked away side by side in the wildwoods a mile from the seashore. It is characteristic of country Negroes, and highly to their credit, that members of the same family love to build their homes as close together as possible. There is an admirable implication in such chosen proximity. These two brothers spend most of their time cultivating their tiny farms, growing cotton, corn, sweet potatoes, highland rice, and peanuts. But whenever they can get away from this work, they are professional fishermen in the nearby salt creeks and bays, and often their most successful catches are made at night. Tall and lithe, with features as clearcut as Indians, they look like chiefs of the proud Masai; but racially they are Nubians, perhaps the finest of all Negro types. The stage and the screen and many books have usually presented the Negro in a ludicrous and pathetic role; but most of them are very wise about life; they are selfreliant, and they are good citizens.

TO reach the seashore from their homes, Ben and Jim had to walk an old bank nearly a mile long, with marsh and water on either side. They keep their boat moored in a tidal creek at the end of this bank, which is never very clear and open, but is usually overhung by bushes and briars.

At twilight one August day the brothers got their nets and started down the bank toward the boat, walking single-file. It was cloudy, and the huge pine forest, the melancholy marshes, and the long bush-hung bank were dusky. It is a lonely country, far from any other human habitation. They had on no shoes, and their trousers were rolled up to their knees. Dew wet their bare legs, and briars scratched them. Jim, the younger brother, was ahead. They were talking about their probable chances with the fish that night when, about halfway to the boat, Ben gave a sudden exclamation of pain. But he did not stop walking.

"Just a big bull briar got me in the

leg," he said.

BUT before he had gone more than a dozen paces he began to feel sick. "Jim," he said, "wait a minute."

Ben sat down heavily in the grass on the edge of the bank. He was groaning and was holding with both hands the calf of his left leg.

"Jim," he said, "ain't no briar got me back there. That was a rattlesnake bit me. See how my leg is swelling.

I feel bad, Jim."

And there were the two brothers on that lonely and darkening bank. It was vain to call for help; those indeed at home might have heard them, but they would not have dared to call any one down that fatal bank. Jim swiftly knelt by Ben and struck a match. Sure enough, he saw the two telltale punctures. The swelling increased visibly, and Ben's condition was already grave. He was even now close to unconsciousness. Jim filled his hat with salt water, washed the wound, sucked it, and spat out the venom. But he knew that he had to get his brother home at once.

Then he remembered that, a few weeks before this, another fisherman had said to him: "Jim, you better mind how you and Ben walk that old bank in the nighttime. I was coming along there the other day, and I saw the awfulest big old diamondback rattlesnake you ever could think was in the world. I believe he has his den under that big pine on the bank, and he stays right there hunting rats that come out of the marsh at high tide."

Jim had not given this story much

credence until now.

He had to get Ben home immediately; moreover, he had to carry him, for his brother was now quite helpless. And there was no way to get home quickly except to return along the death-haunted bank. On either side of the bank lay deep mud and water through which he could not possibly carry his brother. If he took to the boat, and went by a winding creek to another landing, it would take him two hours to reach home. And he

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That flows with rippling song
Within the merry heart of youth
Makes music all day long.

And when the channel deeper grows
And life is at its noon,
It sings a lovely, rhythmic lay
With lilting joyous tune.

At evening when the sun is low,
The river wide and deep,
It murmurs softly in its flow
And sings itself to sleep.
Catherine Jones

From Mrs. Helen Jones, North Salem, Ind.

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Good Lawd sends me troubles,
And I got to wuk 'em out.
But I look aroun' an' see
There's trouble all about.
An' when I see my troubles,
I jes' look up and grin
To think ob all de troubles
Dat I ain't in!

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REQUIEM

WE seem to give him back to Thee, dear God, Who gavest him to us. Yet as Thou didst not lose him in giving. so we have not lost him by his return. Not as the world giveth, givest Thou, O Lover of Souls! What Thou givest Thou takest not away. For what is Thine is ours always, if we are Thine. And life is eternal; and love is immortal; and death is only a horizon and a horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight. Lift us up, strong Son of God, that we may see farther; cleanse our eyes that we may know ourselves nearer to our beloved who are with Thee. And while Thou dost prepare a place for us, prepare us for that happy place, that where he is and Thou art, we too may be. Amen. -AUTHOR UNKNOWN.

From Mrs. E. A. Eichholz, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

CONTENTMENT

One honest John Thomkins, a hedger and ditcher, Although he was poor, did not wish to be richer. All such vain fancies in him were prevented By a fortunate habit of being contented.

If cold was the weather or dear was the food,
John never was found in a murmuring mood.
For though fretting might make the calamity deeper,
It never would cause bread and cheese to be cheaper.

If anyone wronged him or treated him ill, John was good-natured and sensible still. For he said that revenging the injury done, Would be making two fools where there need be but one.

And so honest John, though his station was humble, Got through this sad world without even a grumble. And 'twere well if some folks who are greater and richer, Would copy John Thomkins, the hedger and ditcher.

Recalled by Emily Ivings Townsend, now in her 90th year, as having been learned during her early schooling in England, and contributed by her granddaughter, Emily T. Stokes, Painesville, Ohio

THE ideal life is in our blood and never will be still. We feel the thing we ought to be beating beneath the thing we

MOTHERS' DREAMS

-PHILLIPS BROOKS

They dream such splendid dreams for us,
They plan such glowing schemes for us
When we are little rosy kids
Who laugh and cry and coo.
And life would be most wonderful,
Instead of blind and blunderful,
If but a tenth of mothers' dreams
Would now and then come true.

ÄNON. From Karen G. Stark, Leonia, N. J.

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NOW more than ever we must keep in the forefront of our minds the fact that whenever we take away the liberties of those whom we hate, we are opening the way to loss of liberty for those whom we love.—WENDELL WILLKIE ANYONE can carry his burden, however heavy, till nightfall. Anyone can do his work, however hard, for one day. Anyone can live sweetly, pasiently, lovingly, purely, till the sun goes down. And this is all that life ever means.—AUTHOR UNKNOWN

From Mrs. John E. Richards, So. Deerfield, Mass.

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Who hath a friend with whom to share, Hath double cheer and one-half care.

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

From Mrs. M. L. Hoover, Harrisburg, Pa.

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REMEMBER MOTHER

PIME was when you laid your head in her lap and cried because you had cut your finger, because you had lost all your marbles in a game of keeps, because your doll had broken its head. Time was when you came home from your first day in school, and the words tumbled over each other as you told her all about your adventure, and she acted like it was the most important news in the world. Time was when you started to high school and began having dates, and she wanted to know with pathetic eagerness if you had a good time, and what you did. You thought she was just being curious, and you were resentful. She finally quit asking you. Then you brought home your first honor at school or your first numeral, and she nearly burst with pride. You were a little embarrassed when she told all the relatives, and bragged to all her friends. You thought at times that she didn't do things the way they should be done, or the way other people did them, and in your blundering, blunt way, you told her. She tried not to show how much it hurt.

Time will be when she'll be just an empty ache in your heart and a longing to do the little things you always intended to do for her. There's a bit of gray in her hair, and each year a few more lines in her face. You've put a lot of them there. But she'll forgive a lifetime of neglect for just a small bit of remembrance. All she asks is your love. — ISABEL BOYER, (Butler

University Collegian, 1940).



What favorite quotation or bit of verse has found its way down memory lane into your heart and character? Wouldn't you like to share it? Be sure \$1.56 include source and author and your own name. Sorry, no items returned.



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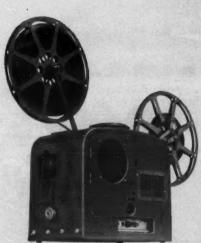
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And won, despite long years of pain.

And thus I find new strength each day

To face the hardest fight and say,

My constant bitter war with men

GABRIEL COURIER



· AT HOME ·

TREASON'S WAGE: Valentin Gubichev was a \$6050-a-year engineer for the U.N.; at this writing he's on his way home to Russia, frightened half to death at what will happen to him when he gets there, broke and broken, discredited at home and hated everywhere else! Judy Coplon faces long years in jail; not long enough, and not years enough, according to our way of thinking, but probably quite enough for Judy. She never did make \$6050 a year; she got peanuts or less from Gubichev and the Russians, if she got anything at all. The unspeakable Dr. Fuchs languishes in a British bastille because he had two minds and couldn't make them work together, and he got next to nothing for his treason in betraying the West to the Kremlin.

The wages of treason! Gubichev betrayed the faith of a world struggling for peace through the U.N.; Coplon betrayed her own country and people; Fuchs betrayed everyone who ever knew him. For what? For jail, ignominy and—whatever the Kremlin does to stumbling Gubichev! Aside from the moral and ethical and even spiritual values involved, why in heaven's name does any man ever turn traitor?

INVESTIGATIONS: If there are Communist-minded traitors in the State Department, let's at them! But we're far from impressed by the 'revelations' of Senator McCarthy. He has a long, long way to go in proving his contention that there are 57 Communists at work in the State Department.

So far he has labored mightily and produced not even a mouse. His first victim was Dorothy Kenyon—who defended herself and her record so ably that the investigating committee told her to go home and forget it. Then came Ambassador-at-large Philip Jessup, then Haldore Hanson, who handles certain (minor) cultural jobs for the Department.

Is this a political play for nation-wide attention by a freshman Senator? If it is, it's a flop—at least it seems so at this writing; among the most critical opponents of Mr. McCarthy are not the Democrats, but his own fellow-Republicans. If is is not politics, but the action of a true patriot, it also flops; the patriot to date has failed to do anything but smear what seem to be quite innocent people. Now he must produce or be completely discredited.

The Senator wants the files of the State Department subpoenaed. Mr. Truman has put his foot down, on advice of the Attorney-General and FBI's Mr. Hoover. This may handicap Mr. McCarthy, but opening the files to the public—and to Russia!—would handicap us even more.

TV HANGOVERS: In Baltimore it is discovered that half the children in the sixth grade come from homes with TV sets; the effect of watching the flickering screen while they should be studying is described by the superintendent of schools as "baneful." A most conservative word.

In Homewood, near Chicago, it is so bad that the school nurse had to write to parents about it. Children in Homewood public school classes complained of headaches, were drowsy in class; some were sent home with burning eyes or headaches. Others didn't come to school at all; they slept in after watching TV past 11 p.m. the night before.

In Atlantic City the annual convention of the American Association of School Administrators sounded off about it loud and long. Evidently, it's a national problem.

Solution? Parents who can control their children—who can say on week-day nights, "Up stairs, and do your homework"—and make it stick.

at U. S. decision to really go to work on a hydrogen bomb program; who isn't alarmed? . . . Joint chiefs of staff will go to Europe soon to work out

details of the Military Aid Program for Western Europe. . . . Governor Dewey may become president of Cornell U. . . . We think the President will eventually appoint Vatican successor to Myron C. Taylor, Protestant objection notwithstanding. . . . State Department mail says that the country is 80 percent pro-Acheson. . . It cost \$200,000 to get the Missouri off the mud-bank; worth it? . . And that's all for now.

· ABROAD ·

is not a struggle of monarchy versus democracy; not once, since the fuss over Leopold started, has anyone in that country thought of the survival of the monarchy as being involved. The real issue is Leopold's attitude toward the Belgian Constitution.

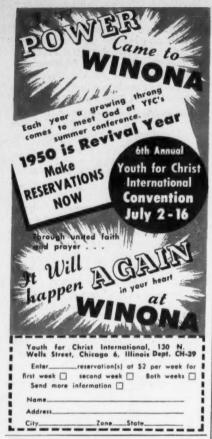
Leopold is headstrong. He refused to follow his ministers into exile when Belgium capitulated in 1940. He went to see Hitler. His marriage was unpopular. He resumed the German title discarded by his father. He is authoritarian, individualistic. The Belgians are suspicious that he is not exactly a constitutional monarchist.

Other lines are drawn by this fight. The Catholic Church is deeply involved. Flanders, where 72 percent voted for Leopold, is a Catholic stronghold. But among the Walloons in Wallonia (non-Catholic) he got only 42 percent of the vote. The 57.68 percent "majority" voting for his return is a dangerous majority. If he comes back (and we believe he will try it) there will be industrial strife and warfare, for by and large the industrial areas are anti-Leopold. The Catholic Church is his strongest supporter: industry is his strongest foe.

LONDON: As we predicted, the Conservatives in England are not forcing a crisis. They could do that very easily; Mr. Attlee and his Laborites are holding on by the slimmest of margins, and anybody could upset the apple-cart. When the Labor member from West Dumbartsonshire died this past month, the total Labor majority in the Commons was reduced to a terrifying four.

It is interesting to see how Mr. Attlee maintains his control of the House. Whenever an important vote comes up, a "three-whip" note is sent to every Labor member; it is a notice to attend which is underscored three times. "Be there to vote or else . . ." Failure to be there means either a face-to-face reprimand or expulsion from the party. Only a doctor's certificate of illness, or permission from Attlee or Morrison, is recognized as absentee legal tender.

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PRESBYTERIAN ANNUITIES and then in the best of its opponents! The Conservatives poke fun at the three-whip technique—and just sit tight, waiting for the economic difficulties of Labor to increase. When the waters are deep enough, there will be dirty work on the cliff above the beach.

Europe—and the world—is the little quadrilateral area known as the Eastern German Democratic Republic. This is the Soviet Zone, which could be the springboard for Russian entry into the West.

The Russians have built up an army (German) of 45,000 men; the job of that army is to support and defend the Eastern German Republic, and to train officers and non-commissioned officers for a far larger German army which the Russians would like to have ready for the future. They should have little trouble doing that; a politically immature people like the (conquered) Germans will grab at anything to end the stalemate under which they still writhe so long after the war. Against the success of that army works one powerful force: economic desperation. In spite of the propaganda of the Russians, the economy of Eastern Germany is in a fearful condition; Western (Allied) Germany is far better off.

Watch for Western counter-moves now, which will be three in number: a strengthening of the Western garrisons in Berlin, opposition to the fifth-column tactics of the Soviet-inspired Free German Youth, and a new all-out propaganda from the West slanted directly at Eastern Germany.

Money talks-and Russian rubles are not too talkative.

CHURCH NEWS .

WORLD BROTHERHOOD: Some years ago a young fellow who had been college pastor at Wesleyan University came down to New York City with an idea. The idea was that there ought to be some sort of national organization to promote good will and understanding between Christians and Jews; the young man was Everett Ross Clinchy, and he "set up shop" in a small room under the auspices of the Federal Council. Later he moved across the street, to work as an independent organization called The National Council of Christians and Jews.

In June, Dr. Clinchy will lead a delegation to Paris, to lay the cornerstone of a "World Organization for Brotherhood." In that delegation will be Arthur H. Compton, chancellor of Washington University (St. Louis, Mo.), who will act as chairman; Thomas E. Braniff, president of Braniff International Airways; Dr. Howard E. Wilson of the Carnegie Endowment for Inter-

national Peace; Roger W. Straus, chairman of the American Smelting and Refining Co.; George B. Mc-Kibbin, former adviser to General Clay; Spyros Skouras, president of 20th Century-Fox Corporation. They will draft plans aimed at promoting global intergroup understanding.

Thus has a great dream become a great reality. No single organization in the United States has done more for the cause of inter-faith understanding than "NCCJ"; it has enlisted the sympathy of the nation and the active cooperation of prominent men in every phase of American life. The roll call of its leaders sounds like a recitation "Who's Who in America." Clinchy has a habit of working quietly behind the scenes; but the dream and the triumph are his. In a generation that has fought a World War and that has seen the fiercest racial and religious conflicts in the history of the Western World, NCCJ has slowly and solidly built on the rock of understanding-and the winds of prejudice and ignorance have not prevailed against it. The lengthened shadow of a man. it is now a movement with world proportions. We wish it well-better than

Walter P. Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers (CIO) recently declared in Detroit that Christianity should be made into a "dynamic fighting faith" because it cannot win its battle "in the ivory tower." He tells us that "it's got to come down where people live; it's got to get grease under its fingernails."

We agree and disagree. We agree that there are still some clergymen among us who live more or less withdrawn from the world, shunning all fighting contacts in that world. But for every one of them we could name



David H. Scott (left) and Wallace C. Speers congratulate each other on their re-election as president and chairman, respectively, of the Laymen's Movement for a Christian World, They were chosen at the Mid-Century Conference.



NOT UNIFORMITY, BUT UNITY!

two others who are on the firing-line. We wish that Mr. Reuther would read up a bit on church history; he would discover that the Church is and always has been the finest friend labor ever had.

There has been grease under the Christian fingernail ever since the Leader suggested that certain fishermen let down their nets on the other side of the boat. We say "suggested," not "ordered." It is not the place of Christianity and the Church to throw their weight around in labor organizations or political parties; it is their function to suggest that there are certain basic principles upon which individual and social living must be built, if it is to be good living. We were not called to be labor organizers, but to preach and teach and baptize. And if labor and the politicians were to take the preaching of those Christian principles seriously, 99 percent of their conflicts would be gone with the wind.

You see, Mr. Reuther, we have orders from Elsewhere!

FEDERATION: Stanley High, a roving editor for Reader's Digest, really "stirred up the animals" with that "Methodism's Pink Fringe" article in the *Digest*. Aimed at the Methodist Federation for Social Action, the story brought fire from all quarters, not the least of which was Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, who labelled Mr. High's dissertation "an absolute misrepresentation of The Methodist Church" and one which "completely overlooked the constructive accomplishments of the Federation."

Perhaps Dr. High did fail to tell the whole story-and he did not profess to. He told some of it-and told it very well. But his materials may have been too carefully selected from the pink paint-pot. He named certain leftminded Methodist leaders who have been identified with the group. Yet he did say that these misrepresented Methodism.

But-this Federation does bear the name "Methodist." It has not, and never did have, any official Methodist standing-but from that word in its title it has given the impression abroad that it speaks for all Methodistswhich it certainly does not. It speaks only for the most liberal of Methodist. and unofficially. It would seem to us that the Methodist Church should demand that the name of the denomination be dropped by the Federation, and that some church body be set up to speak officially for Methodism. Certainly eight million Methodists in this country have the right to demand that a church body speak for the church!

It may all work out for the best; Dr. High's blast will clear the air; the Methodists may now settle a question they should have settled years ago.





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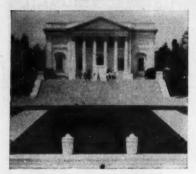
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SEGREGATION: Eight pastors in Dallas, Tex., have called on the city government to "stop unscrupulous real estate men" from selling homes to Negroes in white areas, and to relieve fears that South Dallas will be turned over to the Negroes. "We're not against the Negroes," says one pastor. "but we are for segregation. And God is, too, if you stop to think about it." The spokesman of this rather unique interpretation of the mind of the Almighty cites Acts 17:26 in support: "And [God] hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed and the bounds of their habitation.'

We agree about certain real-estate men; in our own town, we find over eighty percent of Harlem owned by whites, and real estate men selling houses in white communities to Negroes because they can make more money out of Negro families who are forced to eat and sleep fifteen and twenty to the room! We also believe that the average Negro has no desire whatsoever—at least among us benighted Yankees—to force himself into those communities where he knows he is not wanted.

But this idea that God has set the boundaries of the territory in which the various races and colors are to live rather fascinates us. How far do we dare carry that? Shall we cry "Jews to the ghetto"? Shall we send the Italian back to Italy with the words, "You can live in Italy, and nowhere else." Shall we send home Frenchmen, Chinese, Britons and Indians? Shall we have a neon sign over the Statue of Liberty reading, "This space reserved for white Americans only"?

We're perfectly content to let Southerners settle the Southern problem. But, please—let's do it on the basis of something better than a very doubtful "proof text"!

TEMPERANCE

ADVERTISING: The Barden Bill—for federal relief of public school education—is dead, and all but buried. But the fight for some sort of bill to prohibit liquor advertising goes on. It will go on until a worthy piece of legislation is passed.

We liked the suggestion of Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, President of the WCTU, at the recent hearing on the Langer Bill. Mrs. Colvin wondered about the connection of liquor advertising with tax dodging—a body blow! Yes, the Internal Revenue Code allows deductions "for all ordinary and necessary expenses paid or incurred during the taxable year in carrying on any trade or business," and that includes advertising as a necessary expense. But that's not the point.

The point is that the liquor men have been shouting from the housetops that they were anxious to help out on the national budget and to help save the country's economic neck by gladly -oh, so gladly-paying in their taxes. (They overlook such cold statistics as those of Massachusetts, where it has been discovered that it costs the government between \$60 and \$100 to take in \$13 in alcoholic beverage taxes!) Now if the booze barons are so anxious to help-why do they deduct for advertising? Every penny they spend to publicize their poison means a penny taken from the government; it makes the cost of government that much higher for the taxpaver. The legitimate businessman and the little fellow in the white collar have to make up the taxes the liquor interests do not pay!

Crusty old Bernard Shaw once called the turn on such advertising with the words: "... if a natural choice between drunkenness and sobriety were possible in our civilization, I should leave the people free to choose. But when I see an enormous organization pushing drink under people's noses at every corner, and pocketing the price whilst leaving me and others to pay the colossal damages, then I am prepared to smash that organization and make it as easy for a poor man to be sober, if he wants to be, as it is for his dog."

WHY DRY? Why are we dry? Why this unceasing fight on liquor? A writer in the *Union Signal* answers for us:

"It [the liquor traffic] contributes not a single pound of constructive products to American life, but rather it is a commodity that costs the American people, in loss and waste as a result of its consumption, in any one year, more than this business pays in taxes to Federal, state and local governments.

"It diverts, at the retail level, upwards of \$9 billion from every kind of wholesome and necessary commercial enterprises into the tills of the liquor triumvirate.

"Its labor creates nothing that adds to the nation's wealth, but rather increasingly menaces the public welfare.

"Its 'dividends' are earned out of the broken lives and devastated homes of millions wrecked by alcoholism.

"The drafted executives whose genius was once employed in commercial channels of service to their fellow men, such as food makers and distributors, leaders in the field of publishing, insurance, home building and transportation, are now employing their God-given talents in tearing down the structure of civilization they once fostered."

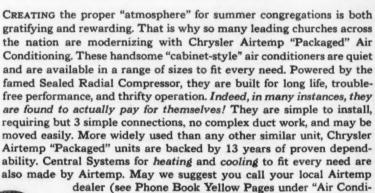
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cumulate graver troubles for the future.

Among the illustrations cited by Norman Cousins are these two. In a Boston suburb a 9-year-old boy reluctantly showed his father a report card heavily decorated with red marks. He then proposed one way of getting out of the embarrassment: they could give the teacher a box of poisoned chocolates for Christmas; "It's easy, Dad, they did it on television last week. A man wanted to kill his wife, so he gave her candy with poison in it and she didn't know who did it."

From Brooklyn comes this story of a 6-year-old who asked his policeman father for real bullets because his little sister "doesn't die for real when I shoot her, like they do when Hopalong Cassidy kills them." For good measure I add the story of a housemaid who caught a 7-year-old sprinkling ground glass into the family's lamb stew. It was purely an experiment inspired by normal curiosity to learn whether it would really work

as well as it did on television.

Norman Cousin's editorial is comprehensive. He does not argue for "highbrowism" or for the conversion of TV into an "extension of the classroom." He is for entertainment. Also he sees "chinks of light in the tunnel," though he concludes—and with him we agree—that "for every half-hour worth seeing there are literally days of

wrath and writhing."

Here is what someone has named a "billion-dollar blunder" that has begun to put skids under Hollywood, that has disfigured much of radio but that has to date used the same shifting sands for the foundations of TV. The editor of the Saturday Review of Literature is of the opinion that television is being murdered in its cradle by its own parents. If the responsible parties really want the baby to grow up, they had better loosen their grip on the child's throat!

• IS ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, EXCLUSIVELY CATHOLIC?

ARE there Protestant churches in Rochester, New York?

Is there one Protestant church in Rochester, New York?

Anyone reading the *Democrat Chronicle*, a Gannett Group newspaper, on Monday morning, March 6th, would reasonably conclude that the answer to each of these questions is NO. Also the same reader would

conclude that Rochester, New York, is exclusively a Roman Catholic city.

Of course I know better, for on Sunday night, March 5th, immediately preceding the Monday morning referred to, I saw the large sanctuary of the Central Presbyterian Church crowded, I heard the magnificent chorus of the Lake Avenue Baptist Church sing gloriously and had my part in a Lenten service that brought together a large group of Christian young people with many of their elders. Also I am acquainted with other facts which justify me in affirming that Rochester is a community with hundreds of Protestant educational, social and religious institutions and activities.

But on Monday morning, March 6th, the *Democrat Chronicle* on pages 4, 6, 7, 16 and 30 ran seven news stories and three pictures, two of which ran across three columns carrying splendid reports of Roman Catholic meetings or programs. There were more than 300 lines of printed matter. Some of the headlines were: "Signs of War Increasing, Warns Cardinal Spellman;" "Indian Priest Talks to Catholic Groups;" "Mercy Killing Assailed Before I of C by Deputee;" "Holy Name Union Sets Passion Play with Cast of 22."

Well, what's wrong with all this? Nothing. Nothing wrong with these headlines, nothing wrong with the pictures, nothing wrong with more than 300 lines devoted to Roman Catholic doings at home and abroad.

But definitely something is wrong with either Protestant publicity in Rochester or with the *Democrat Chronicle*, and perhaps with both. The city is about 50-50 Catholic and Protestant. There are 150 Protestant churches in Rochester. These churches had programs and there were united activities over the Lenten week end of March 5th. Something better and much better than complete silence in the Monday morning journal was due. I know that in one instance at least complete press coverage was asked for and advance material submitted.

From the newspaper standpoint here was an opportunity to register for interfaith good will and for Amer-

ican unity that was lost.

Oh, yes, there was one item that might be classified as Protestant. It is headlined: "Pastor Backs Sander Again," and appears on page 7. Some forty lines are devoted to a story of the famous so-called "mercy-killing." Since that story appeared, Dr. Sander has been found "not guilty" by a jury composed of nine Catholics and three Protestants. But Rochester Protestants deserve considerably more than that!

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D Lady reacher

Need women be freaks or sensationalists to be successful ministers? If you think so, you need to know about the success of Norma Brown!

By THORP McCLUSKY

HOULD women go into the ministry? Or should the pastoral calling remain what it is today—almost exclusively a masculine prerogative? To go a step further, should the distaff side be admitted generally to the pastorate on an equal basis with men? Or should the few females now actually heading congregations be frozen out and the rising generation of young femininity informed that leading a flock is a man's job—that "no ladies need apply"?

In one community, at least, there's a woman pastor the parishioners consider the equal of any man and the superior of most. Her name is the Rev. Miss Norma Craig Brown. Since the fall of 1947 this blue-eyed, strikingly handsome woman with graying cornsilk-blonde hair has successfully filled the post of her late father, the Rev. Ransom De Loss Brown, as pastor of the First Christian Church in the bustling little rural community of Mt. Sterling, Illinois.

There was considerable opposition, at first, to the idea of a woman pastor. "I remember well our meeting that Sunday morning, when we faced the fact that Norma's father could no longer be with us," a board member of the little white clapboard church admits frankly. "There was apprehension, certainly on my part and probably upon the part of some of the other members. The idea of a woman pastor had been unheard of in our community, but we decided to 'take a chance.'"

Now, after nearly three years, all doubts have vanished. When Norma Brown assumed the pastorate, the church had a total adult membership of only 350. She promptly started an intensive membership drive that netted 95 new parishioners in 20 months—no small achievement in a village of only 2,500 population. Her church gained more new adherents than the other three Protestant churches together.

Financially and in other ways Norma has strengthened the position of her church. The budget is up two-thirds over 1947. The building has been painted inside and out, new furniture has been installed in the primary and nursery



departments, the fine walnut pulpit and other woodwork refinished, a \$300 gas-stove installed in the kitchen. In a few weeks last fall, \$1,000 was raised for a new furnace and stoker. Since Norma assumed the pastorate, \$5,000 has been contributed to the denomination's Crusade for a Christian World—over and above the regular missionary program.

Now plans for a new church building are well advanced. "Just recently Miss Brown devoted a whole Sunday morning to stimulating interest in the proposed structure," a board member told me when I visited Mt. Sterling to find out why Norma Brown was so deeply loved and why her pastorate was so successful.

I was inspired by what I found. Parishioners and nonmembers of Norma's congregation alike—scores of them told me in almost identical phrases of their fear that Norma would soon be called to a more influential pastorate. "We're reluctant to praise her too highly," they said, "because we don't want her to be taken away." After I returned to New York, they kept sending me letters about this great and splendid woman.

CERTAINLY the problem of women in the ministry—pro and con—is a serious one. Certainly the need for ministers is desperate. Thousands of pulpits—particularly in rural and suburban areas where small salaries are powerful deterrents to men with families to support—stand empty today, or are served inadequately and infrequently by pastors who eke out a subsistence living by dividing their efforts between three, four, or even more, tiny congregations. Congregations are dying at the source because there is nobody to serve them.

Yet the experience of Norma Brown's denomination—one of the few which have no "official" sex discrimination in the ministry—is that women are often better pastors than men, particularly in rural and suburban churches. They frequent-



Lines of a Layman ATTAINING FULLNESS OF LIFE

By J. C. Penney

HEN I was eight years old, my father told me that henceforth I would have to buy my own clothes. Although we were very poor, I am sure that Father issued this decree partly because he wished to teach me the value of money. So, with the first \$2.50 I could spare after equipping myself with a pair of shoes, I invested in a pig. I soon had a drove of twelve. For some reason, the neighbors objected to the raucous squealing that went up every feeding time. Thus, Father told me that although he would like to see me carry on in the business, the neighbors were protesting, and so I must sell the pigs. It was useless to protest, and in obeying my father, I learned how to be a good neighbor.

These early experiences illustrate how it is possible for a boy to grow up to be moral and upright, join and attend church with some regularity and support worthy causes, and still not attain fullness of life. Don't misunderstand me. The above-mentioned practices are all worthy and are associated with one's being a Christian, but they do not go far enough. They take for granted that a man is spiritually awake and growing in his understanding

of God's spiritual laws.

I am reminded of the experience which Jesus' disciples had with the boy whose father brought him to be healed. They tried but failed. When Jesus came and healed the son, He told them why they could not cure the boy saying, "This kind of evil spirit comes out only by fasting and prayer."

ly surpass men in securing new memberships, particularly among the young people, in strengthening the Sunday school, in home, family and missionary programs, in obtaining contributions to worthy causes, and in maintaining and enhancing the beauty, utility and financial solidity of the church plant.

Incredibly—and despite these findings—Norma's denomination had only 84 female pastors as compared with 2,228 males, according to recent tabulation! These 84 clergywomen served a total of 99 churches, while more than 1,000 churches had no pastor at all!

Why? One of the reasons is the stubborn, age-old resistance to change, which may be summed up in the dogmatic comment, "Man's place is in the pulpit; woman's place is in the home."

Even St. Paul supported this viewpoint. He put woman "in her place" when he asserted grimly (I Timothy 2:8-14) "... Let the woman learn in silence and all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence ..."

It is ironic that the most enthusiastic supporter of the church Paul founded in Philippi—the first Christian outpost in Europe—was a woman named Lydia, who opened her home to the missionaries, converted her own family, and gave freely of both time and money to the advancement of the new religion.

Perhaps Paul was apprehensive of female exhorters who might someday turn their pulpits into a stage for vulgar personal self-aggrandizement! This has in fact happened occasionally—but sensational showmanship and outright charlatanism have not been limited to women.

The truth is, the world until recently has belonged almost exclusively to the men. Paul only reflected the current social thinking of his time. I was amazed to learn that the ecclesiastical authorities did not decide that woman possessed a soul until the close of the sixth century A.D.-and then by a majority of only three! Milton dismissed the spiritual potentialities of woman with two blunt lines: "He for God, only; she for God in him." Tennyson asserted: "Woman is the lesser man . . . I am ashamed through all my nature to have loved so slight a thing . . . something better than his dog, a little dearer than his horse.'

In this country, women didn't even have the vote until a few decades ago!

N O wonder the idea of a woman pastor still incites skepticism and hostility! In Mt. Sterling, these were some of the objections—spoken and unspoken—that were in the minds of the elders as they considered Norma Brown:

"What if she gets married? Will she quit the ministry? Does she know

enough about business? Can a woman preach with the same authority as a man? Wouldn't the women themselves rather have a man preacher? Wouldn't she be at a disadvantage if she tried to counsel our boys and young men? How do we know she won't take advantage of her sex—show off in the pulpit and turn the church into a 'woman's church'? Won't she be primarily a woman and only secondarily a minister?"

Fortunately, some of the church leaders knew that women in other fields of activity have successfully overcome objections similar to these. They recalled that women are now in top posts in banking, industry, science, medicine, wholesale and retail merchandising. There are women in Congress, in literature, in the press. Finally, most of our educators are women.

Certainly woman had proved her right to compete with man in the secular professions. Wasn't her right even greater in the field of religion? Women are the backbone of most churches; they prod their husbands into attending services, they organize and carry out most of the congregational activities, they set up the family altars, they get the children off to Sunday school.

"Go into any church on a Sunday and count the women in comparison to the men," an elder observed. "But look at the pulpit—and who do you see there? A man—almost every time. There's something not quite fair in this?"

Norma's name had come up quite naturally when her father resigned because of failing health. She was not just "another woman preacher" to the congregation; she had spoken in the Mt. Sterling pulpit many times. They knew her credo about women in the pulpit, which was, briefly, "Never lose your standards. Forget that you're a woman, but never that you're a lady."

Norma also had quite a reputation as an outstanding woman, both in and out of the ministry. At the time she was associate director of the Illinois Disciples' Foundation, but she had held pastorates, off and on, ever since 1921. She had a national reputation as an orator; she had spent fourteen years as a platform crusader against booze with the Flying Squadron Foundation, during which time she had traveled more than half a million miles and addressed more than 10,000 audiences in every state in the Union. She had also been a highly paid lecturer under the auspices of the National Forum.

They knew that Norma would work hard. She did not discount the objections to a woman in the ministry; in fact, her advice to girls who wished to enter the profession had been almost Spartanly stark: (Continued page 48)





You've seen the ads; now come behind the scenes for a look at the machinery of this clever but misleading use of mail-order methods to win proselytes to Catholicism

By WESLEY PHELPS

ACK in the late 1930's a vigorous professor of theology at the Roman Catholic Kenrick Seminary in St. Louis began to make the motions of a man newly struck with the conviction that what his church needed were more proselytes. He had grown a bit weary, it seemed, of propounding Catholic dogma in classrooms where eager young priestlings absorbed his lectures without question. What he himself needed was the stimulus of challenge. Why not devote the summer months between classes to touring the smaller towns and villages nearby? Here Protestantism was strong and his own church weak. If, according to the hierarchy, his was "the one true faith and the one true church' why not expose the "error-ridden" of Missouri's hinterland to these factsand see what would happen?

In the summer of 1938 the Rev. Lester J. Fallon hit the road. In addition to his zeal, his equipment consisted of a portable pulpit affixed to the rear bumper of his car and a loud-speaker capable of carrying his voice above any riotous noises that might greet an Irish priest invading a Protestant stronghold—and a box for questions by the curious.

Somewhat to his surprise, his sortie among the Protestant-indoctrinated raised no riot. His street-corner audiences were orderly and respectful. He may even have been a bit disappointed. Perhaps he had mused upon what would happen to any Protestant minister who dared duplicate his feat in any Catholic-dominated country—Spain, for example, or Italy, or some places in South America.

Fallon, likely to his further puzzlement, found these people almost wholly in agreement with him on questions purely theological. From the hierarchy had come word that Protestantism was a dving thing, dving because it was compromising and split and confused. Doctrinally, it was already dead. Hadn't the high priest of the proselytizers, Monsignor Fulton Sheen, stated, "It is no longer Protestantism from which we convert souls; it is confusionism"? Obviously, the good monsignor had not tried proselytizing in Missouri! These people believed, as thoroughly as Fallon himself, in the foundational tenets of the Christian faith.

It was only when he left off preaching Christ and began glorifying the Roman Catholic Church as sole possessor of the keys to the Kingdom that Fallon noticed a stir in his audiences. Then he knew he had tapped the real source of their "prejudice" and "bigotry." The people did not answer back or heckle. They just quietly dropped questions into the box he had provided, questions which Fallon promised

to answer by mail, and personally.

These questions—and the manner in which they were asked—brought Fallon up short. It was apparent that there were a host of people who had serious qualms about certain phases of Catholicism. They wanted to know about the Catholic attitude toward religious freedom for others as well as themselves, about Catholic encroachments on the public schools, about Catholic persecution of Protestants in other lands, about Catholic restrictions on mixed marriages.

These, and such like, were all serious questions. And they were sticklers. The fact that they persisted after all these years was a sign that they had never been answered satisfactorily. Could he, Fallon, answer them?

HE decided to try. Instinctively he knew that his approach had to be different from the pompous, combative, name-calling methods used by too many of the hierarchy. A man of personal charm, Fallon luckily has none of Cardinal Spellman's brash blundering, none of Monsignor Sheen's acid testiness, none of the Jesuit's pedantry. He would make his approach the essence of "sweet reasonableness." His attitude would say: "Now, I know you have your doubts, and I'm glad you've raised them. Let's sit down here and let me try to explain why we believe and act as we do." It's a disarming approach-and, make no mistake, it has paid off for his church, paid off in vaster measure than any of the hierarchy's pontifical attacks on all who fail to bow the knee to Rome.

As Fallon pored over the questions, he got another idea. Why not de-



velop a course of instruction for his inquirers? The mail-order gimmick is a huge success in selling everything else. Why not Catholicism? People were obviously shy of Catholic clericalism; many who would not want a priest calling upon them for "instruction" purposes might readily give time to reading in the privacy of their homes.

THE priest acted on his inspiration.
Calling in some of his seminarians at Kenrick, he developed a correspondence course based on a booklet titled "Father Smith Instructs Jackson." In this work "Father Smith," a prototype of Fallon, takes a non-Catholic by the hand and proceeds to lead him through such articles of faith and conduct as are commonly accepted by all Christians, Protestants and Catholics alike-but on the way manages to pause at several shrines of purely Catholic dogma and practice. As the lessons go farther the shrine-stops become more frequent, until by the end of the tour there seems to be nothing else but. If "Jackson" by this time is not a sold customer, then he is either very dense indeed or has acquired some high-octane sales resistance.

For his own purposes, Fallon developed from the book a series of "tests" comprising his "Religious Home Study Course." The test leaflets were made up of brief statements concerning matters presented in the book, and, to make it like a game, the form of the statements were of three kinds: "true and false," "fill in the missing word," and "underscore the word or phrase which completes the statement most correctly." Fallon was careful to make the various tests so simple that even a



The Reverend Lester J. Fallon (right) director of the Confraternity Home Study Service, confers with two members of his staff at the St. Louis office.

dullard, though a fool, need not err therein. And since, in filling out his test paper, the examinee was invited to "use the book freely," it would take a blind man to flunk the course.

By the second summer, a corps of priests was preaching in the streets, going about the highways and byways and telling anyone who would listen: "You can investigate Catholic teaching by mail, in the privacy of your own home. It won't cost you a cent!"

By this time Catholic authorities, sensed that in Lester Fallon and his unique approach to proselytizing they had something really good. So the program was set up as the Confraternity Home Study Service, headquartered in St. Louis and with Fallon as direc-

tor. Other Catholic seminaries were brought into the picture and seminarians clear across the country soon were out plugging the mail-order missionary effort. Every name of any inquirer, no matter how critical he was, was funneled to St. Louis for attention.

After Pearl Harbor, the campaign was extended to include the armed forces, and Roman Catholic chaplains were plentifully supplied with printed application forms "to be given to prospective converts they could not personally instruct." Also in hospitals and sanatoriums, penitentiaries and reformatories, via Catholic newspapers, magazine and radio programs, and through casual conversations between

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God Unispered to Me

By BEATRICE PLUMB

UST the two of us—together, alone!" Oh, how often I had heard my dear friend say that, in the thirty happy productive years we had been together, working, playing, writing and praying together! How she loved her little world!

And that was what she yearned for most after her sudden collapse at Thanksgiving time. For weeks we had been busy as bees, getting ready for company from Chicago. Every window must be cleaned; new drapes made; porch plants re-potted; a festive meal planned that would suit both a large lady who enjoyed her food, and a finicky little lad just recovering from an operation.

And then, on the very night of their arrival at the airport, she collapsed! After all that joyous, eager anticipation, she had not even known them when they bounced in the door. Sorrowfully, they ate at that festive table, while I fed my poor, stricken Mae sitting in her new black silk, by her old desk.

Something terrible had happened. She could barely shuffle along, as she inched her feeble way to her bedroom, holding on to the back of a chair which I pushed before her. Even her voice had changed. It was blunted, thick.

We called our doctor. His eyes were wet as he came out to telephone for a trained nurse, Mae had been his good friend, salty and stimulating, for years.

She woke up to a strange world,

ruled by nurses; to a closed bedroom door; to enforced quiet. In her confused mental state, she imagined she was alone, in some distant hospital. "I want to go home!" I heard her demand.

I ground my teeth. The doctor had said I must keep out of her room. "She needs absolute quiet," he had said. Only when Mae fell asleep would the nurse let me stand at the open door, and look in at her.

Then came a day when they let me in. Joy swept through her. "Please, please take me home, where I can breathe, and be rested. Oh, when are all these strangers and nurses leaving, so that we can go home?"

I had no place to pray anymore. The nurse had my desk covered with her charts and medicines. She had thrust my Bible and my dear, shabby little book of daily devotions away somewhere. The other bedroom was full of unhappy guests, their clothes and baggage, and a small boy's toys.

So I went into the garage to pray. There I asked God for this one thing—that He would let Mae come back from her confused wanderings long enough to know that she was in her own home.

It was then that I heard the first of God's whispers! I did not know that later on they would come whenever things reached a new unbearable point; whenever I desperately needed help.

"While thou art yet speaking, I will hear," whispered God, in my soul. "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to

God did! A week before Christmas, Mae was up, our guests had departed, and the round-the-clock nurses were off the case. "A miracle!" marveled the doctor. He is a minister's son, but I did not tell him about God's whisper.

SHE was up—a feeble wraith of her old self—but she still did not know that she was home. We still dreaded the nights, when the old fears assailed her. But now I could tell her, "Don't be afraid. It will soon be morning—"

God had promised that she should know she was home. And one Sunday morning, while prayers were being said for her in my church, I was leading her on our daily pilgrimage around the house and trying to make her understand she was home. Suddenly she stopped short, pointing to an old calendar that hung on the kitchen door. "The little blue girl!" she trembled. "Feeding the birds—" She looked from the picture to our doorstep, where "Reddy," her pet red bird, was bolting his breakfast seed. "Reddy!" she exclaimed, as if remembering something from another life.

Then she dropped into her old kitchen chair. Joy shone in her face. It tingled through me like electricity. It was as if she were bathed in light,



"I know!" she cried, "Oh, I know! I'm home!"

For nine golden weeks, God let me care for her without benefit of nurses. They were weeks full of countless deeds of kindness, done by my church friends. Flowers; visits from my pastor and his colleagues; dinners cooked by one church lady; my house cleaned by another.

"And underneath are the Everlasting Arms," God whispered when I tried to thank Him.

Christmas came. Then February, and my birthday! Mae's was not until April, when she would be 85. A great age—but who could measure her young outlook, her zest for living, in years?

The pastor brought us a luscious pink-iced, blue-birded cake, made by his wife. He stayed just long enough to pray with us. "Let's pretend it's your birthday!" I said to Mae. So she blew out the candles, made her wish, cut the cake. I like to remember that her last day up was a radiant one!

SHE became tired early, and asked to go to bed. As we neared the dining room, I felt her slump toward the floor, her full weight on my arm. All power seemed to leave her. Desperately I strained with all my strength to hold her up, but she was twice my weight, and my heart was pounding in my ears, my knees already giving. "Oh, I can't! I can't!" I groaned in one

breath, and in the next, "O God, help me to save her from crashing down from breaking a hip!"

from breaking a hip!"

Then, in all that tumult of terror, came God's calm whisper: "I am thy God. I will uphold thee. Be strong, and let your heart take courage"

and let your heart take courage."
He upheld us both! Somehow, we reached the bed. She fell safely across it. I called in two strong neighbors to lift her, so that her head rested on the pillow. "I shall be well in the morning!" she told them.

When the doctor left that night, his words rang like a death knell in my heart. "No hope! It may be a day, a week, a month. She was a wonderful friend—"

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TENERAL of the Cancer Army

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YOU SHOULD

KNOW

O look at her you would never think she was the national commander of the big Field Army of the American Cancer Society. White-haired, pink-cheeked and plumpish, you would take her for somebody's grandmother and the slight frown on her brow you might interpret as worry about her youngest grandchild's

over her gigantic organizational job. "Gentle, but energetic" describes Lucy Milligan well.

Born in San Luis Valley, d Colorado, her career began in

New York where she was a leader in various mothers' groups. Later she went on to become president of the National Council of Women and vicepresident of the International Council of Women, which post she still holds. In 1912 she married organist, author, lecturer, teacher, Harold V. Milligan. For years Mr. Milligan was organist at New York's famed Riverside Church; he is now musical advisor of the Federal Council of Churches and producer of the Metropolitan Opera broadcasts. They have two sons and a cozy home in New York which the itinerant Mrs. Milligan rarely gets to enjoy.

Her "army" consists of one-and-onehalf million people of both sexes. It is significant that so many of her lieutenants are women and forceful women like herself.

New recruits are frequently those whose loved ones have died from cancer because a physician was not con-

sulted soon enough. They enter the Field Army dedicated to warning others in time.

"Half of all cancer cases are curable if treated in time," says Mrs. Milligan. "But even now only a fourth of them reach

doctors soon enough to be saved. Sixty-seven thousand Americans who could be cured die yearly because they allowed a cancer to grow past the stage when it could be treated. Technological warfare against the disease is being waged relentlessly in research laboratories. But the fight still needs foot soldiers to spread the medical facts about this scourge."

Under Lucy Milligan's spirited leadership the Field Army is doing a great job; in another sense, she is leading all of us in the never-ending battle against this killer that takes such a fearful toll in human lives. The END

GOD WHISPERED TO ME

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Friend? She was infinitely more than that to me! She had come into my life when my world had just crashed about me. When I wore new widow's weeds, and was all alone in this vast, foreign country, with the Atlantic separating me from all the family I had. She was my sister, counselor, secretary, companion, my partner!

How could I ever live without her? She had typed every article, story, poem I had ever written in Americauncounted thousands of words. They were her "brain children" as well as mine. As I held my aching heart, to keep it from breaking, I wept, "I'll never write another word! How can I, without her?"

Next morning, the sun still shone, I suppose, and the red birds chirped, and the flowers perfumed the air; but to me, all was heavy and gray, dark and lonely. I looked at her bedroom door. It was again shut. Behind it was the same efficient nurse—and a suffering Mae.

It was then God's whisper came again. Behind my closed lids, I saw the stained-glass window over the entrance to my church—Jesus in Gethsemane. I was not alone in the shadows; He had known heartbreak, too. "I will not leave you comfortless," came the whisper. "I will come to you."

In agony, I watched Mae's life ebb away. I was sustained alone by God's whisper. One day, when overwhelmed with a sense of my own weakness and smallness, pitted against death and desolation, I had cried, "I cannot face it!" Then God came, to whisper, "My grace is sufficient for thee; my strength is made perfect in weakness."

Again, His whisper came in the remembered line of a forgotten sermon, "I believe in Love after death, as well as Life after death." And, on one black night of fear, in the simple lines of a Sunday-school hymn, "God will take care of you through every day, o'er all the way—"

Oh, how I thanked God for parents who had given me the habit of regular church attendance! For God whispered to me so often in the very words I had garnered from past church services and had unconsciously stored in my soul. Where, I wondered in pity, would those bereft mourners who never attended church find their angel of succor, their God's whisper, when they went through their Gethsemane—alone?

I seemed to live the last two weeks in a sort of merciful trance. At intervals, I would come out of it to the

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On Bringing Jesus Home

SERMON-OF-THE-MONTH

N THE seventh chapter of John's gospel is described the occasion of one of Jesus' greatest personal triumphs. Officers had been sent out by the Temple authorities to arrest Him. They came, they saw; and, for the moment, they were conquered. When they returned empty-handed, they explained their failure to bring Jesus back by saying, "Never man spake like this man."

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But after such a demonstration of His dynamic presence, what happened? In the King James version the chapter closes with these words: "And every man went unto his own house." The next chapter begins, "Jesus went unto the Mount of Olives." The Revised Standard Version has made an interesting change. It puts the last clause of chapter seven and the first words of chapter eight into the same sentence, making it read thus: "They went each to his own house, but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives."

However the revisionists may treat the words, the treatment accorded Jesus is all too tragically characteristic. He had evoked the admiration of even the enemies who heard Him. He had shown His wisdom and power. And then the people went their way, and left Him to go His. So it has been down the centuries. Men recognize the majesty of Jesus' person and the purity of His character. They may formally worship Him and even nominally join His church. But they do not bring Christ home to themselves.

We know, I think, what we mean when we speak of "bringing a thing home" to ourselves. We mean bringing it into those vital centers of interest wherein we really live. And this personal penetration of our inmost being is what we fail to do with Christ. We praise Him. We pay tributes to Him. We build churches in His name. And then, as of the people of ancient Palestine, it may be said of us: "They went each to his own house, but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives."

There are certain trends of our time which increase our tendency to keep from bringing Christ home to ourselves. For instance, there are the externalism and rush which lessen the quiet moments when thoughts sink Text: "They went each to his own house, but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives."

By RALPH W. SOCKMAN

into the depths of our souls. Our godly grandparents were wont to open and close their days with periods of devotion in which they let God search their hearts with the directness of the path of light which comes across the bosom of a lake from the setting sun straight to one's feet.

But how do we begin and end our days? In these exciting times our first inclination on awakening is to turn on the news broadcast, and we quite usually close the day by listening to the last newscast at night. And these news items turn our thoughts not to our sins and the good news of God, but to the evil deeds and bad news of the world. Thus we know what is going on in the world better than we know what is going on in ourselves.



DR. SOCKMAN

Like those Palestinian police sent to arrest Jesus, we admire Him as a Master teacher. Like them we say, "Never man spake like this man." The words of Jesus have a ring of authority in them. They strike a chord which starts something singing in the back of our minds. His parables have hung pictures in our imaginations which do not fade with time.

But the words of Our Lord have become so familiar they are worn smooth by use. We repeat them without coming to grips with them. Publishers are ever bringing out new translations of the gospels in order to give them fresh appeal. But mere repetition and verbal revision do not bring the words of Jesus home to us and get them under our skin.

I N THE best-selling book, "Gentle-man's Agreement," Schuyler Green, a magazine writer, was commissioned to produce a series of articles on anti-Semitism. He began to read books on the subject. He sat down and dashed off reams of ideas. But they were mere collections of current cliches, the kind that one hears at dinner parties, and pious platitudes, the sort so frequently voiced at good-will interfaith gatherings. How could he really bring the subject home to his readers? Finally he hit upon an angle of approach which entered so penetratingly and poignantly into the heart of the question that readers have been stirred to the depths. And this was his approach: He would be a Jew, posing as one, living as one, in order that he might see anti-Semitism from the inside, bringing upon himself and his loved ones all the big and little discriminations that Jews suffer.

Similarly, when a person sets out to live as Christ's man, trying as literally as possible to live as Jesus lived, he enters into an experience of reality utterly missed before. Writers have developed this idea with telling effect. A generation or so ago Charles M. Sheldon wrote a best-seller under the title of "In His Steps," picturing what happened to a man who literally followed

the teachings of Jesus.

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Remember the article "Pulpits Out of This World"? Now comes a reply from a famous teacher of preachers!

By HALFORD E. LUCCOCK Professor of Homileties, Yale Divinity School

HE most celebrated tea party ever held was fortunate in having a reporter present. His name was Lewis Carroll, and he gave to the world a blow-by-blow description of the party in a chapter in "Alice in Wonderland." What the tea party lacked in numbers, it made up in excitement and profundity.

'Twas very small; four guests in all -the Mad Hatter, the March Hare, the Dormouse, and Alice.'

One striking thing about the party is that, in the course of it, the Dormouse fell asleep six times. He was a tough audience for the performers. Here is the record of his dropping off:

The Dormouse, who seemed to be talking in his sleep"..."The Dormouse is asleep again!"..."Here the Doris asleep again!" mouse shook itself and began singing in its sleep." . . . "'Wake up, Dormouse!' and they pinched it on both sides at once." . . . "The Dormouse had closed its eyes, and was going off in a doze." . . . "The Dormouse fell asleep instantly."

Well, you ask, what has that got to do with preaching? Ask any preacher! A good motto for the preacher to paste up over his study desk and in the pulpit where he can readily see it all the time would be: "The Dormouse is asleep again!" For the great enemy of preaching is sleep; not snoring sleep or even nodding sleep, but staring sleep, where the hearer appears to be giving polite attention but in reality his mind is soaked with laudanum.

In other words, the ultimate critic of the pulpit is the Dormouse who goes to sleep during the sermon and whose mental repose is a stout criticism that the sermon lacks interest. There can be no more useful image for a preacher to carry in his mind than that of a hearer, or a hundred of him, just on the point of dropping off. Then the preacher can ask, "Is there anything going on in the pulpit to keep the drowsy brain awake?" When that question is raised in real humility, salvation for the pulpit draws near.

Lack of interest-that is the commonest criticism of preaching. And it is very often quite justified. It is a fatal criticism. For what is the use of speaking even the most profound and important message of salvation, if there is no grip on the attention so that people will hear? And there are preachers so dull, in ideas and words

and manner, that they could yell "Fire!" in a crowded theater and no one would pay any attention to them.

These thoughts are brought strongly to mind after reading a striking article in the January Christian HERALD by Ross L. Holman. It is in essence a forceful plea for interest in the sermon, for the preacher to stir people by the sheer awakening power of what he says. No one with the interest of the church at heart could help saying Amen! to that article and being grateful for it. And behind the article is the impressive figure and spirit of a layman who cares deeply for the power of the church and is dissatisfied with lack of vigor in the

M R. HOLMAN complains that too many sermons are "out of this world," and hence do not arrest or arouse. He is justified in all too many cases. The most damning criticism of a sermon is, "What of it? What difference does it make?

Yet, having said all that, when we look closely at Mr. Holman's article we are confronted with a very curious spectacle. It does not go nearly far

enough in its complaints-or in enough directions. He wants the ministers to denounce sin. A loud Amen! But the only sins he mentions are the conventional stock sins of individual behavior. He blasts at drink, gambling, indecent films, filthy literature. That is all. From any evidence in the article, one would think that everything else in the world is all right; here are all the sins that the preacher need care about.

NOW, of course, those are evils which must be opposed. But as a summing up of the dark powers of this world-the greed of Mammon which squeezes millions of lives in a tight vise, the lust for power and the trust in might which have made the world a shambles, the racial oppression and hatred which are complete denials of the Fatherhood of God-the outlook of the author is deeply pathetic. Where has he been living the last thirty years? What has he been looking at during the years when two world wars, with a world-wide depression sandwiched in between, have been the results of man's sin?

Mr. Holman entitles his article "Pulpits Out of This World." But on the evidence of the article, the author himself is "out of this world" in that he misses the major iniquities of our time. Compared with the sins he is blind to, the ones he mentions are distinctly secondary. The words in the Gospel are true: "The love of money is the root of all evil." The worst iniquities of our time are connected with moneymaking. They have maimed body and soul, continued preventable poverty, and created the body-and-soul-de-stroying evils of slums, with their frightful toll of juvenile delinquency.

Jesus did not miss such things as He looked over Jerusalem. He denounced the greed that devoured widows' houses. He spoke His bitterest words about the monstrous injustices of those who wronged "these little ones," which means not children but the helpless poor.

Mr. Holman has, to say the least, a rather naive idea of "courage" in the pulpit. He seems to think that the high-water mark of courage is to be found in denouncing liquor and indecent shows. That is nonsense. Everyone knows that in the overwhelming majority of churches in America the fierce denunciation of liquor would bring nothing but applause. He cites a preacher in the South who filled his church for years by such denunciations. All honor to the preacher who

But consider another type of sin, (Continued on the next page)



What's the Matter with Preaching Today?

An analysis of our readers' response to our "Pew Poll"

HAT about preaching today? Is it adequately militant for our times, sufficiently dynamic and inspiring-or is it too dull, too aimless, too "stratospheric"? Last January we printed a complaint from a layman who went along with the latter view. Ross L. Holman was the fed-up author, and he let fly with his charges in a piece titled "Pulpits Out of This World." Now, on these pages, we give a representative of the

ministerial calling a chance to reply.

But in addition to these protagonists, we wanted to hear from our readers. So we asked: Do YOU agree with Mr. Holman that present-day preaching is "out of this world" and not down to the levels of your needs? Almost all the replies agreed with the sentiment expressed by Holman. More than 90% indicated dissatisfaction with current preaching; some felt that Mr. Holman was not nearly critical enough, (We wish there were space to print all the letters in full; lacking that, turn to "Back Talk" for a sample each of the pro's and con's.) Here is a summary of answers to the specific questions in our "pew poll":

What is the matter with preaching today?

A sizable majority of our letter-writers felt that preaching today is "too impersonal," that it does not address itself to the spiritual needs and hearthungers of the congregation, that it is too "abstract," too "world-embracing," too "intellectual," too much like a lecture or an essay and not enough like a divinely imparted message to individuals in need of spiritual lift and refreshment. Many expressed the wish for preaching that is more "Biblecentered," expository, "the Gospel as it applies to our everyday living."

What specific subjects would you like used more often?

More than half of our correspondents shared Mr. Holman's view that the pulpit is too silent these days on such social sins as divorce, the liquor traffic, political corruption in the community, gambling, indecent movies and literature. But even these, plus almost all the others, felt the need for a more courageous approach to personal sins, particularly those that too often are found in the church itself: selfishness, gossiping, back-biting, narrow prejudice. Many expressed the desire for more sermons dealing with the great fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith as expressed in The Apostles' Creed, and virtually all wanted subjects "that teach us-in positive, inspiring style-how to live richer and fuller lives as Christ's disciples.'

What special texts should be more frequently used?

We let ourselves in for something in asking that! A tremendous welter of texts were suggested. But an analysis of them reveals a general preference for the more or less familiar passages propounding the Gospel message of redemption through Christ's sacrifice, the glories and duties of discipleship, and texts addressed specifically to people in need of comfort and assurance in these times of stress. Jesus' own words were, of course, most popular; next were the letters of Paul, the Ten Commandments, the Psalms, the ancient prophets.

How long should a sermon be?

It was striking how many wished to place no time-limit on their preachers. One summed it up: "If a preacher has anything to say to my heart's needs, an hour is not too long: if he hasn't, five minutes is too much!" The largest proportion of those expressing a time preference said, "Twenty to thirty minutes is about right.'



What Do YOU Eat for Breakfast?

By FREDERIC SONDERN, JR.

WO out of three Americans eat too little for breakfast. This bad habit of skimping the most important meal of the day is causing a noticeable loss of efficiency at work and of fun at play, much ill health, many industrial accidents, and a lot of bad manners in office, factory, school and home. Recent surveys by the American Medical Association, the Department of Agriculture, the Nutrition Foundation and other uncommercial investigators prove all this beyond doubt.

A recent canvass of 50,000 students of all ages revealed the startling fact that approximately 65 percent of these growing Americans habitually ate a breakfast entirely inadequate for their physical needs; 8000 of them were eating none at all. Believing that much of their trouble with inattentive and fractious pupils can be traced to that cause, educators in increasing numbers are introducing programs to teach the boys and girls the importance of proper breakfasting. Industrial concerns searching for the causes of decreasing production found that half of their people arrived in the morning with no food in their stomachs. For men and women who do manual work, and particularly any sort of heavy labor, that is not only detrimental to health but actually dangerous. Army

efficiency engineers, investigating almost 1000 accident cases in ordnance depots recently, found that the large majority of the injured workers had come to their jobs without breakfast. It was the resulting fatigue and carelessness that had struck them down later in the morning.

Hidden hunger-which is no advertising catchword but a phrase that many doctors use-is a pernicious malady according to such authorities as Dr. E. V. McCollum-professor of Biochemistry at Johns Hopkins University, one of the leaders in the modern investigation of foods and their effects on the human body. My own experience with it was typical. Formerly a heavy breakfaster, I had gradually come to trouble less and less about my morning meal until I had reduced it to no more than a slice of toast and a cup of coffee. Normally energetic and pleasant enough at nine a. m., I began to feel myself running down mentally and physically as the morning hours passed. By 11 I was grouchy and no longer on my toes. By noon I was hard to get along withirritable, scatterbrained, hungry. But hungry as I was, anything more than a light lunch would almost knock me out with sleepiness for an hour in the

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THE DORMOUSE IS ASLEEP . . .

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the sin of racial oppression and denial of human and civil rights. Let a man try that and in the South, as in many places in the North, he will have a real fight on his hands. Yet, thank God, hundreds and hundreds of ministers in the South are doing that right along, combating hatred and injustice and "white supremacy" and the Ku Klux Klan, and being willing to pay the heavy price. They have not softpedaled the disturbing truth that "God hath made all men of one blood."

We should not forget that if such application of the Gospel to social and economic and international affairs is not preached from the pulpit, we are handing our congregations over to the demagogues who instill unChristian and antiChristian ideas in the minds of people. If the preacher has nothing to say on social action to make religion effective, he is really saying to some of the most evil forces in our generation: You take the minds of this congregation and shape them to your own purposes. I am not planning to do anything with them for the purposes of Christ." And the demagogues do take over, readily.

Mr. Holman makes one strong point which deserves, I think, far more stress than he gave it. It does not concern the content of the message but the speech, the words, in which it is delivered. The lack of deep religious conviction and content is not the only cause of soporific sermons. One other cause is the language. It is all too often a pulpit jargon, an ecclesiastical parallel to the "gobbledegook" of public documents. That jargon is not the language of the people. The message is so often buried in a casket of pious, conventional language or technical theological expression that the sermon is more like a funeral of the truth than a resurrection.

We read in the Book of Acts that once when St. Paul unexpectedly started to speak in Hebrew, the people stopped and listened. It was their native tongue. Whenever the preacher talks in the "native tongue" of his hearers, they listen. Sometimes preaching style gets so ponderous that it reminds us of the classic description of the style of Henry James, whose style could tie up any idea into knots and strangle it. Someone said that his writing was "like a hippopotamus chasing a pea."

One great handicap is the habit of talking in generalities, in abstract ideas which do not touch the earth and its immediate, pressing problems. Mr. Holman does well to protest against

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By HENRY J. KAISER

AM certain that as a boy I was less than average-to everyone except my mother. No matter what opinions others may have held of me, she thought she saw in me-as do other mothers when looking at their young sons-the makings of a man who could be of service to his fellow men. I know now that whatever I have accomplished and whatever means the most in my life trace back to the lessons my mother taught me, as it was she who first taught me some of the greatest values in life. These values may be summarized in three rules of living. These she constantly impressed upon my young consciousness not only by words but by her deeds. They are: (1) Love people and serve them; (2) Love your work and give it your everything; and (3) Love your God and put your Christian principles to work wherever you are.

Now I know, after a long and full life, that these rules for living are not only simple and down-to-earth but are the most practical and provable secrets of realizing the greatest possible success and achieving the highest possible happiness.

Let us review them briefly:

A fundamental love of people-all people-is an unfailing mark of the finest characters. An ingrained attitude of "What will I get out of it?" leads up a blind alley to failure. In a job, a business or profession or in life, you simply are filling human wants. You get ahead in direct relation to how well you offer the toil or services or brains that others want and need.

If your aim is bold and high, you may search for new products or new services that will fill the needs of others. I confess that whenever I see an unfilled human need. I have an irresistible urge to do something about filling it. The opportunities to develop new products and services are as boundless as the ideas and desires of mankind. Your achievements may be directly limited or expanded by how much you like and understand people and how well you get along with

Alone, you are only one individual with your own set of capacities. But associate yourself with others and you can have the power of teamwork to do much greater things.

MANY things that we dislike in others may be only skin deep, just the surface annoyances of personalities. There are the same hidden yet basic emotions and urges in most folks. Perhaps the good qualities and impulses are veneered over by the bad. Yet I try hard to keep believing in the good in all my fellow men, instead of in the bad.

A couple of years ago, the Friendship Train rolled across the continent, picking up carloads of food and other gifts from the people of America to the suffering people of Europe. It gave me joy to accompany the Friendship Train as "conductor" from Chicago to New York. In four days of meeting and seeing people, one particular gift impressed me tremendously. One farmer volunteered to give his entire year's crop. And when he was asked why, he said, "Oh, it just makes me feel good to give!"

O N THAT journey of Friendship, the Mayor of Grand Rapids, Michigan, gave me a four-line verse. It had been penned in his diary by a humble blacksmith of England. Here are the words:

"What! Giving again?" I ask in dismay, "And must I keep giving and giving away?

"Oh, no," said the angel looking me through,

"Just keep giving till the Master stops giving to you.

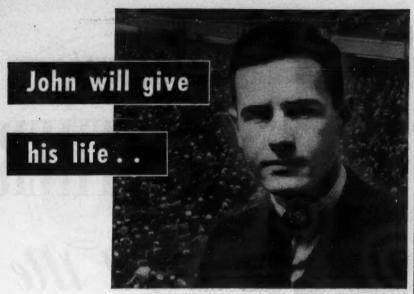
One of the greatest rewards of life is to have a genuine love of people and to follow a vocation or an avocation that gives you opportunity to know that you are being of service and giving constantly of yourself to others.

When you develop an overwhelming liking for people, you will consciously try to grow in the traits of character and personality that will

cause others to like you.

The correct attitude toward work is a second and all-essential ingredient of the happy life of achievement. My mother used to say to me from the days of my earliest memories, "Henry, nothing ever is accomplished without

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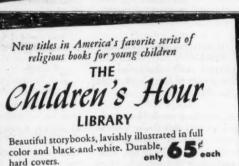


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ON BRINGING JESUS HOME

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found effect produced on my young mind by Charles Rann Kennedy's "Servant in the House." It was to a so-called Christian home—the house of a clergyman in fact—that a strange man came to clean the drains. That drainman was, as you know, the playwright's conception of the Nazarene Carpenter. And what a transformation he wrought in the domestic relationships, the professional attitudes, and the personal satisfactions of that home. He changed it from a home where religion was a form to be maintained and a duty to be carried, into a home where religion became a glow to gladden the heart and a grace to sustain the spirit.

On this Mother's Day, and during National Family Week, we should dedicate ourselves to bringing Christ home to our domestic circles. Instead of merely bemoaning the breakdown of the family and the increasing frequency of divorce, let us see what Christ can do when He really gets into the life of a family. He imparts a lifting purpose which lightens the load of housekeeping. He lessens the frictions which so frequently take the lustre off marital love. He infuses the intimate adjustments of home living with the grace of sympathetic understanding. He gives that charitable reasonableness which disarms hasty tempers. He enriches the comradeship of husband and wife with those spiritual insights that do not dim with the fading of passion but deepen with time.

Only as we bring Christ into our family circles do we lay a secure foundation for Christian living. George Santayana, who taught so long and brilliantly at Harvard, was born in Spain. He became a master of exquisite English as his books reveal. But he confessed that he never quite became at home in the English tongue. He said: "The roots of the language do not quite reach my center. I never drank in childhood the homely cadences and ditties which in pure, spontaneous poetry set the essential key."

We know that a language never does quite reach the center of our beings unless we learn it early and speak it in our homes. The principle is the same in religion. Religious faith does not reach the center of our souls when it is superimposed on us from outside our homes.

And if we are to bring Him home to ourselves, we must also get Him into our circles of work. Unless Christ can get into our offices and shops, He does not affect us where we really live. The Christian employer must look at his relations with his men in the light of Christ's teaching to see if he is out primarily to make profits or to develop persons, to see if he puts property

values above human values. The Christian employee must look at his pay envelope in the light of Christ's principles to see if he is giving a just return for wages received. We cannot delegate our relations with Christ to a corporation or a labor union, Our Christianity must become a personal matter to each of us in our work.

And now let us turn from the teachings of Christ to His power. For nineteen centuries Jesus of Nazareth has been hailed as Lord. His power has spread. The church which He left swept through the Mediterranean world, and when the Roman Empire fell it was the church which brought order out of chaos. The ambassadors of Christ have belted the globe until His followers number over six hundred million. Great nations like Britain and America call themselves Christian nations and profess to put the sovereignty of God as revealed in Christ above all secular laws and rulers. Yet with all this formal and official recognition of Christ's lordship, have we really brought His power home to ourselves? There is an old Hebrew proverb which runs, "The eyes of a fool are in the ends of the earth." When a person spends his time gazing at distant problems and vague generalities, he is foolish and futile. We must combine the large outlooks with local applications and loyalties. It does not do much good to talk about such big terms as "humanity" and "democracy" and "world brotherhood" unless we can bring them down to next steps and neighbors next door. Jesus did not speak in such vague terms, but He did tell about a prodigal son and a good Samaritan. As He thus brought brotherhood home to His neighbors, so must we bring our great world ideals home to ourselves.

We must bring the lordship of Christ home to us so that He rules our conversation and thought this very day, causing us to be centers of good will and understanding; so that He helps us to influence legislation which makes for better race relations and calmer consideration of world problems; so that we give support to those agencies which are working for world government.

The teachings and power of Christ are the hope of the world. And we should be far nearer to His kingdom now, had not our forefathers, like those of our text, admired Jesus and then left Him to go His way while they went theirs. But in every generation there have been those who, like the disciples, have been going His way, bringing Christ home to themselves, putting their faith in the first person singular, saying with Thomas, "My Lord and My God."

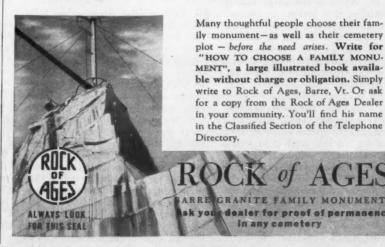
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Sunday School Lessons

BASED ON THE INTERNATIONAL UNIFORM LESSONS

By Amos John Traver

• Sunday, May 7

MORAL DECLINE

HOSEA 4:1-9: 6:1-3; 10:12, 13

ARNOLD TOYNBEE is one of our greatest modern interpreters of history. He is great, not only because of his intelligent grasp of the great movements in history, but because of his Christian point of view. In his "Study of Mankind" he writes: "All the factors that were operating in the decline of every other civilization are fast at work in our time and unless the Christian basis for society can be reestablished quickly, the tendencies for disintegration will cause the death of Western civilization." This is the lesson of history. It has relevance to our age.

In the decline and fall of the kingdoms of Israel and Judah, Hosea, the historian-prophet, sees a preview of the fall of Rome and of every other world empire of the past. Hosea lived in a period of decline. Born when Israel and Judah were at peace and enjoying great material prosperity, he saw the moral decline that usually begins in such periods. The exact dates of his prophecy are not certain, but he can be placed sometime between the years 760 and 720 B. C. He was of the Northern Kingdom and lived to see his beloved nation go into captivity.

To understand the history of Israel during this period we must go back to earlier years when the Jews were herdsmen and farmers. After their return to the promised land from captivity in Egypt, they were still occupied mainly in securing a living from the earth. When at last under David and Solomon, they became an empire, they turned to trade and great fortunes were won by their leading merchants. Palestine was on the crossroads of world trade and they took advantage of their favorable situation. With this great prosperity came self-indulgence. The rich became richer and the poor poorer. Greed and lust ruled, Religion was also corrupted. Israel worshiped at shrines to the golden calf and other gods of the heathen. Even the worship of Jehovah lost its simplicity and became a complicated system of rites and ceremonies. The priests shared in the moral decline of the nation. Read the terrible record in Hosea 4:1-14.

What of our age? Read the front page of any newspaper and ask yourself what Hosea would have to say. There are at least two former members of Congress who are in prison today. Drunkenness has grown to such proportions that decent people are beginning to realize how they had been duped by those who led in the repeal of the 18th amendment. Sex crimes are the subject of increasing concern. Robbery and theft are committed with growing boldness. Secularism rules and to be secular is to sell eternity for time, to sacrifice the salvation of the soul for the satisfaction of the body.

Hosea sees hope only in the return to the knowledge of the Lord. It is not enough to know about God. We must know Him as revealed in Jesus Christ our God and Savior. Hosea had but a dim picture of the Father-God as we discover Him in the Gospels. He did believe that God was not only perfect justice but also perfect mercy. Although Hosea declared the judgment of God upon his sinful nation in no uncertain terms, there was always an "unless" in his judgments.

Questions:

J. Edgar Hoover reported recently 1,686,670 major crimes committed in America last year. Increases since 1941 are 67.4% more "aggravated assaults," 35.2% more rapes, 27.5% more burglaries, 24.4% more robberies and 7.3% more cases of larceny. What can Christians do to turn back the tide of crime?

• Sunday, May 14 GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

HOSEA 11:1-4, 8-11; 14:4-9

F THE prophet Amos is like John the Baptist in his proclamation of God's judgments, Hosea is more Christlike in his emphasis on God's love. "All great literature is autobiography." This is particularly true of this prophecy. He begins with the story of his own personal tragedy and finds in it something of the persistent love of God for unworthy Israel. In his prophecies Hosea uses Ephraim, the name of the most important tribe in the Northern Kingdom. In our assigned lesson the love of God is likened both to the love of Hosea for his unworthy wife and to the love of a father for his son. Recalling the history of Israel, God had taken Ephraim as a child, taught him to walk and blessed him in innumerable wavs in spite of his waywardness. In

the earlier chapters of the prophecy, Hosea used his own marriage to enforce the lesson of God's forgiving love.

What was Hosea's personal tragedy? He had married an unworthy woman, a harlot. Three children were born to this marriage. The first was named Jezreel, after an historic battle-field. This may have indicated that Israel must face her final testing and meet the end she deserved on a battle-field. The second, whose name meant "no mercy," suggested that there would be no forgiveness for Israel. The third, "no folk," was also a symbol of the faithlessness of Israel, for God said, "You are no folk of mine."

Finally Hosea's wife left him, but his love for her still persisted. In the third chapter we have the story of Hosea's redemption of his erring wife. She would not be to him a trusted life companion again, but he would protect her and support her. All this was a parable of God's dealing with Ephraim. The nation He loved and protected had gone off after other gods. There must come punishment for the rebellion, but God's love still reached out for His people, as Hosea's for Comer, or as father for his son. It is a strong and memorable figure. Out of Hosea's personal tragedy had come a new understanding of the love of God.

The heart of God did not need to be changed toward us. His love never, never falters. The cross is the sign that sin must be atoned. Yet we are free to refuse the loving outstretched hand of God. Like Israel we may go on to captivity, finally to become like the lost tribes. Or like Judah we may keep our faith and, chastened by captivity, return to the promised land. Hosea saw clearly the terrible end of the path his people were traveling. He tried to help them to repent and turn to their God. He trusted God's love so surely that He knew they would be forgiven if they would re-

Hosea likens Israel to a great tree that sends its roots deep down into the ground where life-giving water is to be found. That water God had hidden there to sustain the tree. So Israel might be restored to be blessed, if the nation would repent. That same message comes to every sinner. In Christ is the perfect appeal for the sinner's return, dimly fore-shadowed in Hosea's faith and life.

Questions:

What is meant by these expressions in Hosea: "Ephraim is a cake not turned" 7:8? "Love cakes of raisins" 3:1? "Break up your fallow ground" 10:12?

What verses in the Epistles of Paul are foreshadowed in Hosea 13:14?

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• Sunday, May 21

A PLEA FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

MICAH 1:1, 2:1, 2; 3:5-12; 6:6-8

M ICAH and Isaiah were contemporaries. Both sought to save Judah from the fate that came to Israel. Their message was the same, warning their nation of the peril awaiting them unless they gave up heathen gods and vices and returned to Jehovah. Yet these two prophets represent extremes in social background; Isaiah was the aristocrat, the city dweller, and Micah, the commoner, far more at home among country folk. Isaiah was more concerned with great problems of the nation and its relationship with other nations. Micah was more limited to the injustice and misery of the common people. His indictment of the greedy oppressors in both Israel and Judah is merciless. To oppress any man is to oppress one for whom Christ gave His life. Micah said boldly that the greedy man who uses his position and power to deprive a poor man of his rights sins against God. Micah's message is good for our times.

It is difficult to keep sharpened consciences to see the injustice in any social system when we share in its unearned profits. Jesus faced religious leaders centuries later who were too comfortable, too prosperous to desire any reforms. I fear that Micah would have been called a "red" in our times by too many whose prosperity has blinded them to injustice. When religious leaders sell out to the oppressors, the cause of the underprivileged has lost the one refuge upon which it

ought to be able to count.

Our Scripture lesson closes with a great text. It is still quoted more than any other saying of Micah. Justice is a requirement of God for our human

relationships.

Mercy is better translated "kindness." The origin of a word is always interesting and, in this case, suggestive. The stem of "kind" is "kin." Kindness is the practice of kinship. Micah calls on the men of power in Judah to remember that they are dealing with brothers. To take advantage of a brother is against all decent human instincts. What a different world we would have today if we realized kinship with all mankind! Indeed we would have a good place to start on a program of universal brotherhood if we learned to be more brotherly in the household of faith.

"To walk humbly with thy God" is translated by Dr. Moffatt: "And live in quiet fellowship with your God." Without that, justice and mercy have no foundation. Without constant fellowship with God our selfish human natures will sacrifice every virtue where self-interest seems to demand it. The simple Christian practices of prayer and the reading of God's Word are essential to fellowship with God.

Ouestions:

Has Micah a message for our world, for our nation? Just what would he say to your community, to your church people? Can a Christian be indifferent to injustice or unkindness anywhere?

• Sunday, May 28

GOD HAS A PLAN

MICAH 4:1-5; 5:2-4; 7:18-20

OOM was never the last word of the evangelical prophets." Prof. Ed Koenig, a leading Old Testament scholar, came to this conclusion as he discovered the hopeful note in every prophet's judgment on his age, Micah lived to see Samaria laid waste and the people taken into captivity. A like doom he pronounced on Jerusalem, though it was not fulfilled until a century later. Chapters 4 and 5 mark a great change from the rest of his prophecy. Some think they were poems written by an unknown prophet and introduced here either by Micah or someone later. Certainly they relieve the darkness of the picture Micah sees in future of his nation.

The immediate menace to Israel and Judah was the Assyrians. In spite of this it is interesting to remember that Micah saw the people of Jerusalem going into captivity to another empire, Babylon, which at the time was no menace to his nation (4:10). Beyond captivity there was hope of a new generation, led by the long promised king. More than that, Micah named Bethlehem as His birthplace. That this was commonly accepted by the Jews is most clearly shown by the quotation of Micah 5:2 in the answer given the Wise Men in Matthew 2:6. This hope was to be the unfailing comfort of the Jews through long years of captivity. They were still God's people, they had rebelled against God and deserved punishment, yet God's covenant still stood. How eagerly they must have read this part of Micah's prophecy! God had a plan for their redemption and restoration.

In God's plan as Micah saw it, all nations were included. There would come a time when the implements of war would be remade into the tools of peace. This has been the dream of poets and sages through all the centuries. It is difficult to keep such a hope as we hear of man's latest inventions in the science of mass destruction. In modern terms Micah would speak of transforming tanks into tractors for the farmer and atomic energy into power to bring more of the good things of life to more people. Israel and Judah had tried to play the game of power politics and slick diplomacy. They had brought the invader to their

lands by their duplicity. Micah saw the day when justice and mercy would rule international and interracial relations. This is the only hope for any permanent peace in our world.

The concluding verses of Micah's prophecy show the foundation of his hope, "Who is a God like Thee?-forgiving sins . . . not holding to Thine anger for all time . . . Thou wilt . . wash off our iniquities . . . Thou wilt prove faithful to Jacob and loving to Abraham" (Moffatt). The abiding faith of the prophets is built upon a backward look to God's active part in

the history of their nation,

Again and again they quoted God's promise to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and spoke with certainty of God's covenant with the Hebrews. That they had not been wiped out by the calamities they had brought upon themselves was proof that God would never entirely forsake them. Whenever they would come to their senses and turn to their God, He would forgive. This was not the unfounded optimism that was shared by so many of their nation. If the rulers of the people thought they , could keep God on their side by elaborate rites and ceremonies while they openly broke His laws, the prophets shared no such delusion. There must be repentance and before that they required punishment. Yet in the end, God had great plans for His people and in realizing them neither the mercy nor the justice of God would be sacrificed. The optimism of the prophets was built on the foundation of this faith.

The day of hope dawned for the Jews and for the world when Jesus was born in Bethlehem. How the prophets saw this day or understood the character of the king God would send, we can never know. Certainly the popular idea of the character of the Messiah was not met in Jesus. He would conquer the world, but not as the master of armies. He would not use wealth or diplomacy or any form of earthly power to subdue the world. His only dependence was upon love. The world was not ready for Him when He came. Nor is it ready to receive Him today. Like the stubborn children of Abraham we do not seem to learn even through the terrible experiences of two world wars. Through Christ we know that God still loves His wayward children, and His plan for them. His reign of peace and brotherhood, only awaits their return to Him.

Note the figure of the shepherd used by Micah (2:12, 13; 7:14, 15). From what you know of the life of an eastern shepherd. what did the shepherd figure tell Israel about God's providence? Does this account for the anger with which the Jewish lead-ers heard Jesus call Himself "Good Shepherd"?





Monday, May 1

READ PHILIPPIANS 4:8

A MAN asked his dinner companion, "Did you ever count the bones in a fish?" "No," was the reply, "I throw the bones aside and concentrate on the fish." In the mountains I watched a cider mill separating the apple juice, which it conserved, from the pulp, which it discarded. Some people go through life counting the bones in their fish and forgetting the meat. They waste the apple juice and concentrate on the pulp. Paul was anxious for his Philippian friends to focus on the sweet juice and meat of life: "Whatsoever things are true . . . honest . . . just . . . pure . . lovely . . . of good report; if there be any virtue . . . any praise, think on these things."

any praise, think on these things."

Cleanse our minds and hearts
through Christ Jesus our Lord by filling them with the pure and good, we
ask Thee, Father, in His name. Amen.

Tuesday, May 2

READ PHILIPPIANS 3:13, 14

IN A CLOSE RACE in a high-school track meet a slender lad was leading his opponents as they neared the tape, and he appeared to be the winner. But he glanced over his shoulder, broke his stride, and lost the race by a step. Failure to keep his eye on the goal cost him the victory. Paul was not very proud of the past, but he was ready to leave it behind and bend all his energies toward the shining goal ahead.

O Thou who hast called us to new life in Christ, we would overcome the temptation to look back on what we have left, and dedicate ourselves anew to the goal of being like Jesus. Amen.

Wednesday, May 3

READ LUKE 6:26

IN HIS BOOK, "Roosevelt and Hopkins," Robert E. Sherwood says concerning the late President: "It seems to me that the hostility of so large a part of the press to his administration was essential to Roosevelt—as an inspiration even more than as a deterrent—and that he would not have been the President he was without it. He would never have thrived in an atmosphere of cloying unanimity." It takes oppo-

sition to develop strength. Whatever may be the shortcomings of our world, it furnishes enough opposition to real Christian living to develop spiritual muscles.

Teach us, O God, to accept opposition as a challenge and to be made strong by it. Amen.

Thursday, May 4

READ II CORINTHIANS 12:7

ARNOLD J. TOYNBEE tells how the English fishermen found it difficult to keep their herring fresh and lively until they reached market. Dead herring rapidly lost their qualities of desirability. The fishermen built tanks into their trawlers, but the imprisoned fish quickly became sluggish and listless. Then one captain discovered an effective trick. He said: "I put in my tank one catfish, and that catfish can be trusted to keep the herring lively. To be sure, he will eat one or two of them on the way to port; but that is the catfish's wages. And he is worth his keep, for those herring do come in fresh, and the price they fetch on the market pays for the catfish's toll on them fifty times over.'

We thank Thee, O God, for putting us in a dangerous world. May it stimulate us to more vital living, rather than to destroy us, Amen,

Friday, May 5

READ II SAMUEL 18:22, 23

Haste maketh waste. - JOHN HEYWOOD

AFTER THE BATTLE in which Absalom was killed, Joab required a messenger to carry the news to King David. Competent Cushi was chosen and sent. Foolish Ahimaaz then begged permission to run also. He outran Cushi and arrived first where the king was, but stammered in confusion because he brought no message. His prodigious effort was wasted. Too often we find ourselves rushing madly toward obscure goals for unknown reasons. It is wise to take time to determine where we are going and why.

In the rush and turmoil of our day, we pause, Spirit of God, for Thee to make clear to us where we ought to go and what we ought to do today. Amen.

Saturday, May 6

READ PSALMS 119:104

DR. WILLIAM A. BROWN wrote: "Every great reformation in the Christian Church has begun with a revival of biblical study. The Bible inspired the mystics of the Middle Ages to cultivate the interior life. It gave Luther the impetus which led to the great ecclesiastical house-cleaning we call the Reformation; it occasioned the outpouring of the Holy Spirit of God which ushered in the foreign missionary movement. It is the source book to which our modern reformers go for their social gospel. No other single influence has contributed so much to the Christian life as the daily reading of the Bible.'

Father, Thou hast given us Thy Word. May we find in it Thine autograph making it a personal word from Thee to us. Amen.

Sunday, May 7

READ HOSEA 4:6

THROUGH HOSEA God says sadly, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." They were not a backward people, but were increasing, not merely in numbers, but in power and prestige. But God says, "As they were increased, so they sinned against me." Their trouble was not that the needed knowledge was unavailable, but they rejected it. It was the law of God. Ours is a generation of brilliant intellectual achievements, and gross spiritual ignorance. If we are destroyed, it will be for lack of knowledge of God's law, which we have rejected.

We pray, O God, for our ministers that they may teach Thy law uncompromisingly, and for our leaders and ourselves that we may not reject it.

Monday, May 8

READ ACTS 10:38

FRANK LAUBACH says, "Often illiterates ask us, "Why are you doing this for me? No educated person ever paid any attention to me before.' And then we reply, 'I learned it from Jesus. Every minute of every day Jesus was helping people. I believe we all have to be more like Him, and that is the reason I am teaching you. I don't want

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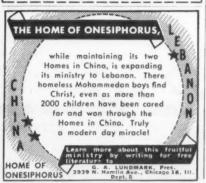
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any money, but when I finish I wish you would take these lessons and teach your neighbors. Don't take any money for it, and your heart will sing. The happiest people in the world are like Jesus, spending their time trying to help others."

Father, prosper and guide every effort to improve the lot of any of Thy children. Lead us into the joy of doing good for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Tuesday, May 9

READ MATTHEW 16:24

THREE GREAT LAWS of life have been urged upon man. Socrates the Greek stressed the law of intelligence: "Know thyself." Marcus Aurelius the Roman taught the law of morality: "Control thyself." The third law was given by Jesus of Nazareth, and it is the law of sacrifice: "Deny thyself." It does not cancel the others, but rather crowns them. The finest intelligence and the most rigid morality are only complete when crowned with the most unselfish sacrifice.

Give us of Thy Spirit, Lord, that we may be wise as serpents, harmless as doves, and as unselfish as our Master.

Wednesday, May 10

READ PSALMS 121:1, 2

WILLIAM HUDNUT, IR., tells of visiting a poor, overworked woman who had to take in washing to make ends meet. There was a radiance in her tired face that one could not escape, and presently the reason for it became apparent. She took her visitor to a high pasture behind the house to see the gorgeous view; the sun was low over the mountains and in another few minutes the sky would be streaked with color. "Every evening when it's fair I come up here to watch the sunset," she said. "It rests me so." The psalmist said, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my

God of the heavens, too long we have kept our eyes downcast. We turn them upward now to Thee, the source of our help. Amen.

Thursday, May 11

READ ACTS 3:25

PETER reminded the Jews that as children of the prophets and of the covenant, they had an obligation to keep faith. An army chaplain tells of being disturbed because so many of the lovable, splendid, gentlemanly fellows in his brigade seemed to have no interest in religion. An older minister told him: "Those splendid fellows are drinking of a fountain they don't acknowledge. Make inquiry and you will find that in almost every case there are five to ten generations of Christian training and tradition behind

them." Subsequent inquiry confirmed the old man's judgment.

Father, we are grateful for our heritage. Help us to pass on to those who come after us as much of good as we have received. Amen.

Friday, May 12

READ LUKE 11:11

TO JESUS it was unthinkable that a father would give a stone to his son who asked for bread. But some of us whose sons are asking the bread of our companionship are giving them instead the stones of things that money can buy. Two young parents told Earl M. Frantz of a prayer by their five-year-old boy. They had just finished a playroom in their home. That evening their son prayed: "God, I thank you for the playroom where Daddy and Mommie can play with brother and me."

Our prayer is from a poem by John S. Holand: "Father, grant unto us true family love, that we may belong more entirely to those whom Thou hast given us." Amen.

Saturday, May 13

READ PSALMS 101:2

A MOTHER who is rearing an unusually fine family of children gave me this text: "I will walk within my house with a perfect heart." She has not read all the latest books on child psychology, but she has learned that the right temperature at home is maintained by warm hearts, not by hot heads. Concerning the text she said, "That is my idea of the greatest career in the world."

God, help the mothers of the world and their companions to make their homes colonies of heaven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Sunday, May 14

READ HOSEA 14:4

GOD SAYS of wayward Judah, "I will heal their backsliding," and we expect Him to add, "I will punish them thoroughly," or at least, "I will discipline them strictly," or even "I will teach them faithfully." And we can sense a little wall of defense against God. But he adds, "I will love them freely," and the wall disappears. Love is the power that heals backsliding. That is God's way, and it is the only way that will work. So long as anyone has the love of a godly mother, he is not hopeless.

God whose very name is Love, give us warm hearts that will have healing power for our backsliding brothers.

Monday, May 15

READ LUKE 6:45

TWO SOLDIERS landed in Europe together. One was interested only in

lust and loot. The other was filled with concern for the condition of the people. The first became involved in rape, black markets and big-time gambling. The second came home to study for the ministry and prepare himself to go back as a missionary. Both saw the same Europe. The difference was in their hearts. So everywhere life draws out of us that which is within us.

God of our Saviour, give us eyes like Jesus, that we may see world need, and hearts like His, that we may have compassion. Amen.

Tuesday, May 16

READ JOHN 4:34

THE ZEST that Jesus felt for His ministry is well expressed in His words: "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work." When Thomas A. Edison returned home from work one evening his wife said, "You have worked long enough without a rest. You must go on a vacation." "But where will I go?" he asked "Decide where you would rather be than anywhere else on earth, and go there," was the answer. "Very well," he promised. "I will go there tomorrow." The next morning he went back to work in his laboratory!

O Thou who dost work hitherto, teach us to find joy and satisfaction in the tasks Thou hast given us to do.

Wednesday, May 17

READ ECCLESIASTES 5:12, 13

DEAN INGE once said: "The unhappy people are those who are consuming much and producing nothing." He is also quoted as saying, "Doctors are fond of sending their fashionable patients to take a rest cure. In nine cases out of ten a work cure would do them far more good." Strange as it seems, "the people who lean" grow weary, while "the people who lift" are refreshed.

We thank Thee, God of power, for the vigor that flows into us when we are challenged to worthy endeavors. Amen.

Thursday, May 18

READ ACTS 20:35

WHEN JESUS SAID, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," He recognized the happiness of receiving, and pointed to an even greater happiness—that of giving. In delivering the deed to a lovely 50-acre park given to his beloved Emporia, Kansas, William White said: "This is the last kick in a fistful of dollars I am getting rid of, I have tried to teach people there are three kicks in every dollar: one when you make it—and I do love to make a dollar—one when you have it—and I have the Yankee lust for saving. The third kick is when you give it away—

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God who givest to all liberally, we thank Thee for the joy of receiving and for the greater joy of giving. Amen.

Friday, May 19

READ MARK 1:35

You must seek Him in the morning if you want Him through the day.

-RALPH S. CUSHMAN

A SHEEPHERDER from his lonely prairie camp wrote to a radio station that his old violin was out of tune, and asked their help to tune it. The letter was featured on a broadcast. The announcer asked for silence, and told the studio violinist, "Sound A." The musician did so twice, and the shepherd set the pitch of his instrument by the sound. All of us need frequent devotional moments to bring our hearts into harmony with the heart of Christ.

We wait in silence before Thee, Master. Give us the note that will bring harmony to our discordant lives.

Saturday, May 20

READ GENESIS 28:16

Wherever souls of men have worshiped, there is God. -Herbert D. Gallaudet

ON A RIDGE overlooking the Civil War battlefield at Gettysburg is a beautiful chapel known as the Church of the Abiding Presence. Everything in it is designed to convey the thought of the abiding presence of God among His people. The unique stained-glass windows are filled with the symbols of God's presence. The painting above the altar portrays the ascending Lord, who promised, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Worshipers leaving the sanctuary feel that they have been in the very presence of God.

We are grateful, Lord, for everything that reminds us that Thou art here. Make of each heart a chapel of Thy abiding presence. Amen.

Sunday, May 21

READ MICAH 6:8

MICAH'S SUMMARY of man's duty is a gem of simplicity, beauty, and inclusiveness: "To do justly, and to love mercy, and walk humbly with thy God." It looks toward the moral law, and says, "Do justly." It looks toward frail humanity, and says, "Love mercy." It looks upward toward heaven, and says, "Walk humbly with thy God." These three things encompass a religion more pleasing to Jehovah than rich gifts, beautiful ritual, or great sacrifice. In worship as in scholarship, a sign of maturity is simplicity.

O God to whom men have offered worship in a thousand forms, teach us the simplicity of the upright walk, the charitable heart, and the humble faith.

Monday, May 22

READ I JOHN 3:2

Something there is that doesn't love a wall.

-ROBERT FROST

A PIONEER of the Old West pulled up and moved on because a new family settled twenty miles from him. He felt crowded. We dread confinement. Some people have a morbid fear of being buried alive. We want room. As we grow older we find ourselves hemmed in by the approaching end of life. But John assures us that there is a door through which we pass, and infinity is beyond.

Eternal God, we would give ourselves completely to Thee, in whom is all freedom and light. Amen.

Tuesday, May 23

READ LUKE 15:13, 17

THE PRODIGAL SON sought happiness by running away from his father, but his trouble was within himself, and he could not escape that. During the war a chaplain was talking to a group of soldiers when a blustering halfdrunk civilian came up and said: "So you're a preacher, are you? I started to study to be a parson once, but I didn't like it. Then I studied to be a doctor. but I didn't like that. Now the only thing I like is this," holding up his bottle. Then, "What're you gonna talk about tonight, Preacher?" The chaplain looked the poor fellow squarely in the eye and said: "My topic for tonight is 'What Are You Running Away From?' "The drunk dropped his eyes and mumbled, "Me!"

Give us courage to deal with our problems, and not to run away from them, Father, even though they be our own selves. Amen.

Wednesday, May 24

READ II CORINTHIANS 4:17

AN ARTIST visited a young woman and found her in tears. A costly hand-kerchief that she owned had been ruined by a blot of ink. He asked her to lend it to him, and a little later returned it by mail. She could scarcely believe her eyes. The artist had used the blot as a basis and had made a design of great beauty in India ink. The handkerchief was now many times more valuable than in its original form. So Christ can take our lives, marred by what appears to us as unrelieved tragedy, and make them more beautiful than ever.

Take our lives, with the blots and tragedies, and cause them to glorify Thee in their beauty. Amen.

Thursday, May 25

READ I CORINTHIANS 2:1, 2

EMIL BRUNNER was invited to preach at the Princeton Chapel during

the bicentennial celebration of Princeton University. He was free to choose his subject. One of the world's greatest theologians might be expected to say something ponderous and important about world conditions. He says: "This was what I said to myself as I prepared for the occasion. And then Paul tapped me on the shoulder and said: 'You fool, Do you think you can preach on anything more important than the love of God for man? You go down there to Princeton and preach the gospel of God in Jesus Christ!" And so he did!

We pour out our thanks to Thee, O God, for Thy redeeming love shown to us in Jesus Christ, in whom we have life everlasting. Amen.

Friday, May 26

READ GALATIANS 2:20

MARTIN LUTHER said: "If anyone should knock at the door of my heart and say, 'Who dwells here?' I should no more answer 'Martin Luther.' I should answer 'Jesus Christ.'" Ray Burchell tells of an old colored woman living in a rude cabin out in the hills of Virginia. When a traveler passing by called out a friendly greeting, asking who lived there, she answered gaily, "Nobody but me and Jesus."

Master, who hast taught us what it is to love, we offer to Thee the complete devotion of our hearts. Amen.

Saturday, May 27

READ MATTHEW 19:21, 22

AN ORGANIST was practicing at the console of his organ when a rather insignificant looking stranger approached and asked permission to play. At first the organist refused, and then he gave reluctant permission. The cathedral filled with marvelous music. When the stranger finished, the organist asked, "Who are you who can play like that?" Simply and modestly he replied, "Felix Mendelssohn," and walked away. The organist struck himself on the brow and said, "Felix Mendelssohn! The master! Almost I did not let the master have his way."

We pray, O Master, that our lives under Thy hands may yield the harmonies for which they are created.

Sunday, May 28

READ MICAH 7:18

IF ONE WERE ASKED to name the one most distinctive attribute of Jehovah God, what would it be? His power? His wisdom? His holiness? His eternal existence? His presence everywhere? Micah raises the question, "Who is a god like unto Thee?" And then he names the great overpowering fact about God: "That pardoneth iniquity!" His instinct is true to history: for that Christ came. It is true to hu-

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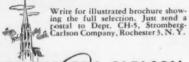
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Among all Thy glorious attributes, eternal God, we praise and adore Thee most because Thou, being holy, dost pardon us who are sinners. Amen.

Monday, May 29

READ LUKE 5:39

EDDIE RICKENBACKER suggests an interesting point of view concerning old things: "If a thing is old, it is a sign that it was fit to live. Old families, old customs, old styles survive because they are fit to survive. The guarantee of continuity is quality. Submerge the good in a flood of the new, and the good will come back to join the good which the new brings with it. Old-fashioned hospitality, old-fashioned politeness, old-fashioned honor in business had qualities of survival. These will come back."

For the good old things and the new things that are good enough to last until they become old, we thank Thee

Lord. Amen

Tuesday, May 30

READ EPHESIANS 4:22-24

SOME ANIMALS have in their bodies the remains of certain organs that once were useful, but are no longer needed. They are in process of elimination, A reporter tells of seeing two traffic lights where a street car line once intersected an avenue, The lights still function, holding the motorists so that nonexistent trolley cars can cross the avenue. So we who are Christians are prone to hold on to customs and attitudes that have no place in Christian living.

Master, we want Thee to make us new creatures. Enable us to lay aside the old man and to be renewed in the spirit of our minds. Amen.

Wednesday, May 31

READ JOHN 19:22

PILATE said, "What I have written, I have written," refusing to reconsider his action. But in a sense, what we have written, we have written, and we cannot call it back. A magazine article bears the title, "You Can't Go Back Again." It tells of the author's recollections of delightful boyhood days on a Virginia homestead, and his plan to go back and fish in the little creek. But he found no creek-just a small, straight ditch, with no pools and no fish. Attempts to recapture childhood joys always disappoint us. We cannot go back; we go on from here.

We thank Thee, Father, for blessed memories of the past, and for the assurance of a future even more blessed.

WHAT DO YOU EAT FOR BREAKFAST?

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afternoon. Obviously something was wrong. I went to my family doctor.

After a thorough examination which revealed nothing organically out of order, he asked me what I ate for breakfast. "That's your trouble," he said after I had made my confession. "You're suffering from hidden hunger." I glanced at my ample midriff. "Oh, you're fat enough," he added ungraciously. "But you're undernourished because you don't eat correctly. Most people don't." Then he gave stern instructions.

For the trial week that the doctor ordered, my wife and I got to sleep at night and up in the morning half an hour earlier than usual. We set an attractive table, prepared a stout breakfast of fruit, cereal, eggs, toast and coffee-and ate it slowly and in peace, without watching the clock. By the time the cereal had been eaten and the eggs were ready, a relaxed and cheerful mood had set in. Over the coffee, plans for the day were discussed and ideas exchanged with the optimistic buoyancy that the freshness of the morning plus a good breakfast bring. After that my morning usually went quickly. I found myself producing satisfactorily until noon with no sign of the old weariness. I barked at no one. And after a good lunch the afternoon passed as easily. Breakfast has remained our most important meal

Most of us, according to the surveys, start and carry on through the day inadequately stoked up with the proteins, carbohydrates, fats, minerals and vitamins which Professor McCollum and the other scientists who have developed the chemistry of foods find we need to produce the energy that we must expend with a minimum of damage to ourselves. We expect a hasty, meager breakfast and then a quick, equally careless lunch to carry us through the 11 hours during which mind and body are working at top speed. Then we do stoke up, at our big meal in the evening, with the food elements that we should have had during the day. Recent experiments at the University of Chicago have established that at night, mostly spent in sleep, the body transforms much of the food not into useful energy but into fat.

In carefully conducted laboratory experiments, scientists of the departments of nutrition and physiology at the University of Iowa, others at Harvard University and the University of Chicago have been able to establish the effects of proper and improper eating on the individual's work output. mental alertness and inclination to fa-

tigue. The physical work output of which a person is capable can be charted by the ergometer-a stationary bicycle whose pedal wheel, which the rider pumps as hard as he can for a certain time, is connected with apparatus that marks down the amount of energy expended. Another device registers one's mental alertness. The subject watches a row of colored lights and presses a button as soon as he sees one of a certain color flash. His reaction time is recorded in 1000ths of a second. Fatigue is measured by calibrating the so-called neuromuscular tremor-the involuntary muscle trembling which follows exertion. The person tested holds a skewerlike electrode in the center of a small metal ring. The least trembling brings the electrode into contact with the ring, and the number of contacts per minute is a measure of his tiredness and therefore of his ability to do accurate manual work.

The departments of nutrition and physiology of the University of Iowa recently ran a group of volunteers of various ages through these tests at certain hours every day for several months. For the first two weeks they were given a heavy breakfast. For the next two, none at all. Then only a cup of coffee. And finally a light breakfast. The results were startling. The unsatisfactory effect of the light meal in comparison with the heavy one was apparent enough; work output and mental alertness decreased and muscle tremor-responsible for so many industrial accidents-increased sharply. But with no breakfast or only coffee, output and alertness fell away to less than half of what they should be and the dangerous tremor became violent, in

almost every case.

From the results of these and many other studies, the leading nutrition experts are pretty well agreed that breakfast should provide between a quarter and a third of the day's requirements, and contain certain definite food elements. The authority for this is unquestionable. Such careful scientific investigators as Dr. Russel M. Wilder of the Mayo Clinic concur with practical food experts like Miss Melva Bakkie with years of experience as director of the Nutrition Service of the American Red Cross. Using a large group of outstanding experts, the Food and Nutrition Board of the National Research Council, in 1948, worked out a schedule of basic foods for people of various ages and occupations. It was found-and the American Medical Association's Council on Foods and Nutrition supports the finding-that the minimum breakfast essential for the average man or woman should consist of fruit or fruit juice, hot or cold vitamin-enriched cereal with sugar and milk or cream, whole grain or enriched white bread in some form with



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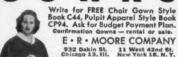
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butter, and a beverage preferably milk or cocoa. Coffee is an enjoyable wakerupper, but its only nutritional contribution comes from the sugar and milk put into it.

That is a minimum breakfast for people with sedentary occupations, according to Dr. McCollum and other nutrition specialists. Boys between 13 and 20—in a class by themselves for expenditure of energy and chemical needs for their growing bodies—and physically active men and women need meat and eggs in addition. There are sound scientific reasons for our needing all of the elements contained in these foods. If breakfast is skipped one cannot catch up at other meals without

overeating.

Each one of the breakfast staples recommended does an essential job in our bodies, growing and adult. Due to the work of Dr. McCollum, Dr. Wilder, Dr. Norman Moore of Cornell and a host of younger physicians who have realized the importance of food and its effect on human life and welfare, the influence of the various food elements has been charted. Fruits and fruit juices contain the vitally important Vitamin C, which among other things gets our metabolism-our whole chemical process-working again after the night's slowdown. This vitamin is also essential for the proper growth of children and helps to keep our joints flexible in later years. Cereal contains a variety of essentials. One is the Vitamin B complex-thiamine, riboflavin and niacin. Lack of the Vitamin B family may produce a variety of consequences, all disagreeable. Irritability, fatigue and decrease of efficiency are among them, as well as loss of appetite, sleeplessness and a general feeling of discouragement and poor health. Whole grain cereal is also rich in the proteins which are the body's principal energy makers, the phosphorus and iron necessary to build and repair human tissue, as well as Vitamin A which helps to keep the skin healthy, pliable and attractive. Insufficient intake of any of these soon makes itself felt.

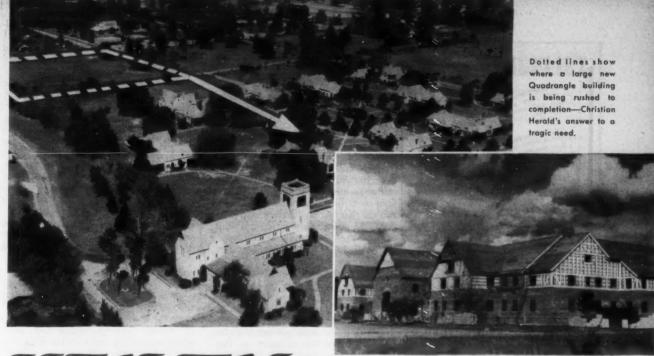
Many American women, and particularly teen-age girls, seem to have the idea that skimping breakfast or omitting it is an easy method of reducing their weight and generally improving their appearance. Nothing could be farther from the truth, ac-cording to Dr. McCollum and the whole consensus of modern medical thinking, based on studies over the last decade. Insufficient intake of the vitamins and minerals in cereal and bread, for example, are likely to bring anemia -a thinning of the blood; the skin may become sallow and rough, the complexion suffers from pimples and sores, circles develop under the eyes.

Milk, which is another must for beginning the day-either on cereal or by

itself, or preferably both-contains calcium necessary for the building and repair of the body's bone structure. Without it, bones become brittle. The Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Human Nutrition and Home Economics, after exhaustive research, came to the conclusion that a pint of milk a day for adults and a quart for children is the minimum required. Bread and butter or their variations-buttered rolls, toast, pancakes, muffins, wafflessupply additional proteins, fats and carbohydrates that make up the calories we expend in energy. So do eggs and meats like bacon and ham.

Fashions in breakfast began to change in the early 1900's with the general increase in the tempo of life. Our forefathers liked their breakfasts big. In "Dr. Chace's Receipt Book and Household Physician"-published in 1860-the Doctor advised that a normal breakfast in New England should include "venison pastry, liver pudding, pork cheese, hashed poultry, buckwheat cakes and syrup, minced veal, rice cakes, sausage, and fish balls, and broiled tomatoes." My grandfather felt that breakfast without cereal, eggs and a good-sized steak, with hot bread dripping with butter on the side, was no breakfast at all. The morning meal was also somewhat of a family function, for which the table was prepared as carefully as it was for dinner. With the turn of the century, however, the grab-and-run breakfast became more and more widespread. The commuter had his train or trolley to catch. Breakfast was pushed aside. Recent investigations have shown that the majority of Americans now spend no more than five minutes at that important meal.

THERE is no excuse for a skimpy breakfast. Practical food experts like Reta B. Hyatt, community nutritionist of Bridgeport, Conn.-who has led better-breakfast campaigns in that city with considerable success-realize that lack of time in the morning is largely responsible for the national bad habit. But, they point out, the loss of 20 minutes' sleep to get up in time to make a good breakfast is not much of a sacrifice, considering what dividends it pays later in the day in general wellbeing. With automatic cooking machinery, conventionally packaged and economical breakfast foods-scientifically designed for content of the necessary elements to insure a properly balanced diet-frozen fruits and fruit juices, meats and other delicacies which can be prepared quickly to provide variety, the housewife who allows her family to suffer from hidden hunger is not doing her job. And that job is one of considerable importance to the health and welfare of the nation, as all the agencies interested in nutrition point out. THE END



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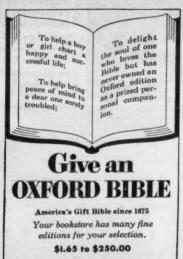
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The Mt. Sterlingites knew that marriage often spells "finis" to the career of the woman pastor, particularly the woman who marries a clergyman. In their own denomination, two out of every three woman pastors who became "parsons' wives" gave up their own pastorates and contented themselves with helping the work of their husbands. Those who married laymen were somewhat more likely to continue in the ministry.

There was little likelihood, however, of Norma's marrying. It was really strange that so beautiful a woman was single, but the Mt. Sterlingites knew her story. When she was at the age at which most girls are "keeping company," the United States was at war with the Kaiser; there was a dearth of young men. Later, as a girl-minister, she was so engrossed in her work that the thought of marriage never entered her head. Still later, when she was on tour as a high-powered lecturer, she seldom spent more than a day in any town; this was a fine way to see the nation but a poor way to meet young men. Finally, Norma's standards were always high; she wanted the best or no man at all. So the years slipped by, and she never married. "It's a pity, for she would have made somebody a wonderful wife," they told me. Thinking it all over, the Mt. Sterling

Thinking it all over, the Mt. Sterling congregation decided to take the chance, and invited Norma to assume her father's pulpit. She accepted, and was installed as pastor on September 21, 1947. Her father died eight days later.

Now she was "on her own." And from the start, Norma had to stand constant comparison with her father. He had been a dynamic preacher of the old school, full of warmth and fire, with a heart as big as all outdoors.

The Mt. Sterlingites agreed that Norma's father had been strong on inspiration, but a little weak on organization. The daughter, however, set out to get certain concrete things done on time, and according to a planned schedule, allocating the jobs among the congregation on the principle any

good executive follows—to get as much cooperation as possible so that the executive will have more time for planning, organizing, and top-level decisions.

"That isn't what she called it," a local businessman told me, grinning, "but that's what it was. Miss Brown has a positive genius for getting others to notice that something needs to be done. Then, by george, they suggest it and follow through as though it's their own idea!"

I asked her about this. She looked at me serenely. "I try to develop leadership in the congregation," she said simply. "I do nothing that somebody else can do—but I concentrate on seeing that everything possible is done."

Her parishioners know that, and they love it. They also admire her thoroughness. She has a strong distaste for slovenliness and a deep love of beauty. Her programs and announcements are printed—not mimeographed. It costs a little more, and it may seem like a small detail, but "We have the satisfaction of things done right, just as they're done in the alert big-city churches," a member explains.

NORMA'S whole aim is to be judged solely as a pastor. She guards against performing any activity with an air of, "See, it's a woman doing this." She wears no jewelry in the pulpit, because she does not wish to call attention to herself or divert attention from her message. All her sermons are written out in advance in longhand, but she carries no notes into the pulpit -not even an outline or a few scribbled key phrases. When she is ready to preach, off come her glasses, she looks straight at her congregation-and delivers the carefully planned sermon from memory. "There is no fumbling for words, no idea begun and then left undeveloped," they all say. "Her sermons are on a par with those of the best oratorical pastors in the largest city churches.

Norma meets the challenge of comparison with male pastors by giving her utmost in everything she does. She expresses it this way: "There are many things one could do that would not be missed if one failed to do them. But when one actually does the extra, unexpected thing that meets a real need—then the strength of the pastorate is multiplied many times."

Christmas before last, Norma brought the Communion service into the homes of sixty-three persons who were shut in due to illness or age. It occupied much of the busy week, but the "extra thoughtfulness" paid rich dividends in satisfaction and appreciation. Norma goes long distances in her car to visit the sick in hospitals—42 miles to Quincy, 68 miles to Springfield, and so on. She will not perform a

marriage until she has had a heart-toheart talk with the couple first, and she gives each young couple a copy of some authoritative text on marriage

problems.

Norma is always stopping to talk to people in the street. When she goes to the post office for her morning mail she doesn't know whether it'll take her five minutes or two hours. In street-corner conversations she frequently gets clues as to what family needs counselling, who is in trouble, who is ill.

Norma works a schedule that would exhaust many men. She is usually on the job before 8:00 A.M., averages at least a couple of hours each morning with her correspondence, at least one conference daily with some church group. She is active in everything under the sun; she is vice-president of her district convention of the Disciples of Christ and vice-president of her denomination's state ministerial association. She is county chairman of the Displaced Persons Committee, and belongs to the local New Century Club, a women's cultural group. She is a frequent speaker before secular groups such as Rotary and Kiwanis clubsand more often than not she is the only woman present.

Norma's congregation, which includes many prominent business and professional people, is today the largest in the county. Significantly, many of these leaders joined Christian Church because they felt that Norma Brown was the outstanding pastor in

the area.

Norma is accepted now, fully. In every respect, she is recognized as a community as well as a religious leader. There is high praise for her manyfaceted abilities as orator, executive, organizer, business woman, her initiative, warm-heartedness and genuine interest in people.

She receives the highest salary ever paid by her church, and the congregation say, "We wish we could pay

her more.

Norma frankly recognizes the prejudices that exist against the woman preacher. She is just as firmly convinced that it is perfectly normal for a woman to be in the pulpit, and that the competent, intelligent, persevering woman can overcome those prejudices.

Norma Brown feels that, if a woman has the firm conviction that God wants her for the ministry, then she should prepare herself for the pulpit in every way possible, and prove by her every act that she is both a worthy

pastor and a lady.

The day when women pastors will be accepted universally on an equal basis with men is still distant, but it is coming closer, and every worthy woman who enters the pastorate will help to speed its advent. THE END



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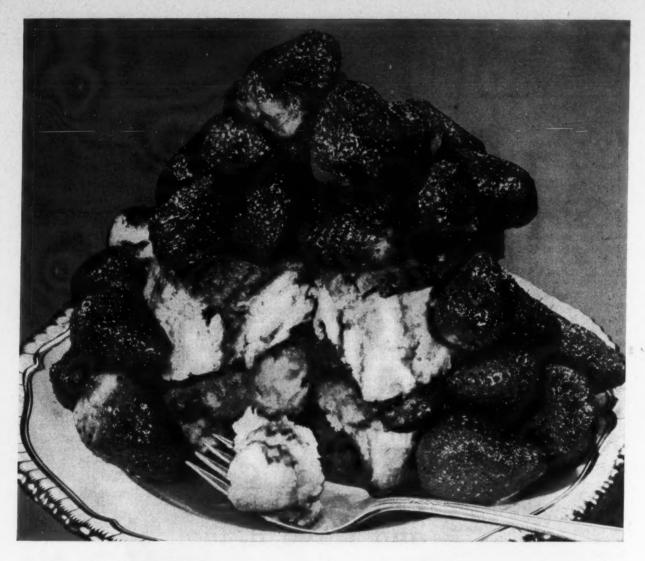
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AY brings the annual occasion to pay our mothers the tribute that is really due them every day of the year. But what more suitable season could we find for Mother's Day than this month when all nature is bursting with the joy of living? Possibly you're planning a mother-and-daughter banquet, and want an idea to give it new interest. You might try the "share-a-mother" theme this year. There must be many members of

There must be many members of your church who would love to be included in your banquet, even though their mothers live too far away to be present, or have passed on. Wouldn't it be a nice gesture to include them by having each mother and daughter choose a "mother-less" individual to bring along? Then, at your table you might have two "daughters," one seated on either side of each mother.

The American "Mother of the Year" may not be a member of your church, but you might choose your own Mother of the Year, and crown her queen at your banquet.

allow one slip to each member, crossing off the member's name when he had received his slip. These slips could be dropped into a sealed ballot box, and only the banquet committee would know in advance who had been chosen Mother of the Year. A surprise announcement will heighten interest in attending. Perhaps you will want to provide gifts for the lady of the day. If you think the surprise of being named Mother of the Year will prove too much of a shock, you had better let her know in advance that she is to be so honored.

Balloting slips should tell the number of children the candidate for Mother of the Year has, list her accomplishments and give reasons why she deserves the honor. If there is no election by means of this church-wide balloting, a satisfactory committee, including the minister, should decide the winner.

The introduction of the Mother of the Year and listing of her qualifica-



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tions will take up much of the "speech" time at your banquet, but some time should also be devoted to the other mothers present. Let each one rise in turn and introduce her own daughter and her daughter "adopted" for the day, and in so doing give one characteristic she has in common with each. These may be serious or humorous, and will give opportunity for some sage comment or lively witticisms, depending on the speaker. She may say, for instance, that she shares with one daughter the trait of always being a little late, and with the other her love of a bargain. Or she may indicate that she is just as eager as one daughter to find a choice piece to add to her antique collection, and her other daughter loves to read stories to her children, just as she always loved to read to her family. Another way to introduce each mother is to let each one tell her pet

theory of the proper way to raise children. "Teach them to make their own decisions early," one will say. "Never say 'no' when it's possible to say 'yes,'" and so on.

Recognition of the contribution of Miss Anna M. Jarvis, the founder and originator of Mother's Day, who died in 1948, would be suitable at your banquet. Or you might prefer it as a special Mother's Day observance for your church or group meeting. A simple pageant could be developed featuring the highlights of her life. Here is a little historical background from which your pageant may be worked out:

In tribute to her mother, Miss Jarvis, a native of West Virginia, resolved to set aside a day in May of each year as a memorial. On that day she selected a white flower and wore it as a fitting emblem of love and devotion between mother and child. When her friends learned about it, she told them she was going to observe the same day each year. They, too, became interested and asked her to arrange a service in which their entire community might have a part. While planning this memorial meeting to her mother the thought came to her, "Why not make it a national celebration in commemoration of the debt owed to Mother—a tribute of deference and respect not only to absent mothers but to all mothers and the home?"

The first observance of Mother's Day was in Philadelphia, May 10, 1908. The day soon became recognized by other cities in the state of Pennsylvania and elsewhere. On May 9, 1914, following the adoption of a resolution by Congress, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation declaring that the second Sunday in May should be observed as Mother's Day, and calling upon government officials to display on this day

the American flag.

Since then, the observance of Mother's Day has spread to all parts of Europe, to Japan, China, Africa, Palestine and other countries. Mexico was the first Latin country to observed Mother's Day. Here May 10th is observed every year, regardless of what day it falls on. Flowers on Mother's Day are more plentiful in Mexico than in the United States. Brown-skinned Indian girls bring them from the scenic suburb, Xochimilco, to Mexico City. Carnations and other flowers are sold on the streets, the money going to the Red Cross.

YOU, too, will want to make your Mother's Day activities vibrant with flowers, so that Mother may know that she makes you think of beauty, freshness and color. Try "tussie-mussies" for delightful variety in your floral decorations. Maybe you know "tussiemussies" better by their other name, "nosegays"—dainty, styled bouquets. But for Mother's Day you will find it fun to call them "tussie-mussies," which means a tight cluster or knot of flowers. Tussie-mussies must be beautiful both to sight and scent, as they were originally intended to be carried in the hand and sniffed occasionally. In early Victorian days they were also used as expressions of tender sentiment, for the language of flowers was popular then, and a young man might declare his love by choosing the right flowers and combining them in the form of a tussie-mussie, placing in the center the flower with the most important meaning.

Because it is more expressive of sentiment, the tussie-mussie seems an ideal flower arrangement for Mother's Day. You may make one up easily of flowers from your garden, or have the



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florist do it for you. Select the flowers to be used, taking care to include at least one flower with decided fragrance-violets, lilies of the valley, stocks, tuberoses. Cut stems to fairly uniform length. Choose a special flower, such as a rose, or a group of flowers tied tight, for your center. Surround it with flowers of a strongly contrasting color, such as pansies, and tie securely with string or wire. Build up vour bouquet in concentric circles. each a contrasting color, placing each circle somewhat lower than the center. Tie after the addition of each circle.

When all rows have been assembled and tied, slip the stems through a lace paper holder. For a natural border use ivy leaves instead of lace paper for the last circle of your tussie, tying in place as before. You may leave the stem ends loose for a natural effect, or bind with ribbon or aluminum foil. Ribbon streamers are pretty. Leave stems unbound and cut them short if you wish to use your tussie-mussie as a table centerpiece. Arrange it in a shallow dish or pan filled with moist (not soupy) sand. Use a pencil to get slender stems into place in the sand. Tiny tussies are ideal favors and one set at the place of each mother at your banquet would make sufficient floral decoration and give each one a remembrance to take home. The little ones are fashionable worn as corsages on the shoulder or belt, in the hair or pinned to a handbag. Almost any flower can be used in making these sweet nosegays-cornflowers, geraniums, sweet william, shasta daisies, carnations, nasturtiums. Sprays of baby's breath give delicacy to an arrangement. The trick is to press all the blossoms close together to make a solidly packed knot of fragrance and color.

Attractive paper-flower table decorations may also be made for your Mother's Day affair. For instructions on how to make paper tussie-mussies, or carnation place favors and other decorations suitable for a Mother's Day table, send in the coupon on page 54 for "A Day in May."

Carry out your floral motif even to the refreshments. Try decorating your cake with real live flowers. When frosting the cake insert short sticks of macaroni at intervals around the top and sides of the cake. At the last moment you may tuck tiny blossoms, which have been prepared in advance with short stems, into the macaroni holes. Cupcakes could have just one piece of macaroni in the center of each to hold a fresh little blossom.

Or decorate your cake with gumdrop blossoms. Slice red or pink gumdrops very thin with a sharp knife dipped in hot water. Arrange pieces of gumdrops on the top of your cake as petals of a flower. Put pieces of tinted cocoanut in the center of each flower. and use the colored cocoanut about the sides of the cake. To tint cocoanut put one or two cups of shredded cocoanut in a bowl. Mix two tablespoons of water with two teaspoons edible food coloring. Sprinkle tinted water over cocoanut a few drops at a time. Mix lightly until color is evenly distributed through cocoanut. Continue adding colored water until cocoanut is desired tint. Lav colored cocoanut on paper towel to dry before putting on

GARDEN PARTY

THERE'S nothing more charming than a garden party. So the women's organization of West Center Community Church, Bronxville, N. Y., chooses late May or early June for its annual reception of new members and guests, with the hope that weather will permit them to use the lovely grassy plot by the L of the church.

Last year the committee chose pink and blue for the color scheme. There were pink roses and blue delphinium on all the tables. Pink paper napkins, printed with the name of the organization, pink paper cups and plates saved much dish-washing. Balls of raspberry ice floating in ginger ale made a pink punch which was served from four large bowls. The pink tea cakes had tiny rosebuds and mints were pink. Flowers were even tucked into the vine that grows up one side of the church, giving the striking effect of a wall of flowers.

This year the group plans a daisy party. Masses of wild daisies will be gathered from the fields the day before and kept overnight in buckets. They will be made into daisy chains to garland the tables. Napkins, cups and plates will be yellow, cakes frosted yellow with daisies in the center, and there will be yellow mints and orange ice in the ginger-ale punch. The hospitality committee provides new members-guests of honor for the day-with corsages bearing their names so that all may become acquainted.

Members make sandwiches at home for this affair. Others serve in the kitchen and set the card tables around which groups gather to chat and nibble. The church has become noted for bite-sized cream-puff shells stuffed with a delicious chicken-salad mixture.

Plan to have one such specialty as the center of interest at your next reception or tea. A hot sandwich, for instance, serves to highlight the rest. The large-quantity recipe this month is for such a sandwich which can be stirred up in your church kitchen and served piping hot. Let your members supply the other sandwiches from their own kitchens, if you like, although there is great fellowship in decorating tea sandwiches together.

Here are a few possibilities to give variety to the sandwiches you usually serve: mix watercress with softened



Use watercress plain (right) or use in spread for open-faced sandwiches (left).

butter and flavor with salt and onion juice. Spread as open-faced sandwiches and garnish with tiny sprays of watercress. Just plain bread, butter and jelly are very pretty when you spread a circle of bread, slit the bread from center to outer edge and twist into cone shape.

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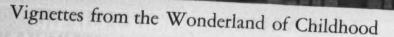
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THE DOORBELL RANG

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glasses weren't there. He looked on the table by the radio, then in the dining

room, then the kitchen.
"Thunderation!" he exclaimed, growing more and more exasperated. During the five happy years of his married life Evelyn had always known where to find everything. With a touch she could bring order out of chaos. Every evening when she was alive his paper and slippers were by his chair, but Evelyn had been dead twenty-six vears.

Now, recalling that he had taken a new book upstairs last night to finish reading it in bed, he hurried up the stairs, puffing audibly. No luck! On his way down he started to wipe his perspiring brow with his handkerchiefthere on his forehead were his spectacles, "Thunderation!" He went into the living room, sat down and took up the letter. He noticed it was stamped "Missent," then he read the postmark, 'Des Moines.'

It must be from Clara Lee," he thought and his face lighted with pleasure. He tore it open and read:

"Dear Henry: You are going to have a surprise visit. I hope you won't think I am imposing on your friendship which dates away back to the little red schoolhouse days when you used to drag me home on your sled." An unaccustomed smile twitched at the corners of Henry's mouth. He read

"I am recalling with much pleasure my delightful visit in your lovely home when Evelyn was living. Dear Henry, you lost both her and the baby.

Knowing how hospitable you are I wondered if it would be too much to ask if you would take my granddaughter, Edith Durant, and her husband in for a few days until they know where they're going to locate. Charles hopes to find a job on a newspaper and get settled somewhere before their baby arrives the last of May. They should reach you a day or two after this let-

Thunderation, that's who they were!" Henry exclaimed in dismay. He hurried to the door. They were still there. "Why didn't you tell me who you were?" Henry shouted, very red of face. "You're to come and stay at my house."

"No, thank you," Charles said, shifting the gear to move on, for at last the engine was running. But Henry went out to the car. He was determined to have them stay. Clara Lee must not hear he had slammed the door in her granddaughter's face.

Reluctantly, Charles and Edith accepted his hospitality for one night.

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That evening the old man and his young guests sat around the fireplace.

"I have no paper to offer you," Henry said. "I stopped 'The Beacon.' That pig-headed editor of a Jim Kittredge is advocating a park right across the road from me.

"I bought today's 'Beacon,' Charles said, "to look at the ads."

Where is it? I might just glance at the headlines for I can't get the news off the radio. It's gone dead."

While Charles went upstairs to get the paper Edith said, "Let Chuck take a look at your radio, Mr. Spafford. 'He's a good fixer."

Charles repaired the radio while Henry relaxed and read "The Beacon"

from beginning to end.

When Charles came home in the late afternoon from job hunting in Los Angeles he found Edith in the garden with her hands full of large white tulips, Henry's pride and joy, and Henry was explaining to her his system of irrigation.

The days went by and Charles became discouraged hunting work. "We mustn't impose on your kindness any loæger, Mr. Spafford. Perhaps we should go back to Iowa, especially on account of the baby coming the last

of May.'

Stay as long as you like. It's only March now." The old man was getting used to the good meals Edith prepared. He looked long at the golden head bent over the dish pan-so like the dear head that used to bend over that same dish pan long ago. Henry was again becoming accustomed to finding his slippers beside his chair and the paper that Charles brought home each night.

One day, Mrs. Greene, in her loud nasal tone, called over the fence, "I guess your comp'ny's come to stay. That's the way with comp'ny; they make themselves twicet welcome, oncet when they comes and oncet

when they goes.' "Who said I wanted them to leave?"

Henry asked testily.

"So that's it! You've fallen for the blue eves and yellow hair.'

Angrily Henry denied it. "That's the way the world sneers at a man when he tries to do his unpleasant duty." He turned on his heel abruptly and, to his dismay, saw Edith sitting by an open window, sewing. "Thunderation, she must have heard!" He skirted around the house and decided to do a little spading. Every time he set his foot on the spade he thought, "If Evelyn and the baby had lived I wouldn't always be putting my foot into it every time I open my mouth. Thunderationthe loss of a son can make any man cranky, without the loss of a wife-

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may he noticed that her eyelids were red. "Mr. Spafford," she said, "We'll go back to my grandmother in Iowa. We have imposed on you too long. Tears were welling up again behind her long lashes, Old Mrs, Greene had certainly gotten him into a miserable

Just then, to his great relief, Charles came bounding into the kitchen, "I've great news," he shouted. "I've got a job on 'The Beacon.'

"Oh, Chuck!" and Edith's soft arms were about his neck. "Isn't that wonderful!" Her eyes were shining through her tears. "Now we can stay in Clarendon. We must look for some rooms immediately.

The next day Henry, coming in with some fine green peas for dinner, was anticipating Edith's usual praise of his ability as a gardener when he found

her lying on the couch, very ill.
"Please 'phone Chuck," she said weakly. Instead Henry, much frightened, telephoned the doctor.

"Take her to the hospital immediately.

"Î'll take you in my car," Henry said nervously. "I guess there's no time to lose.'

"Please 'phone Chuck," Edith said again and gasped.

"No time," Henry said and rushed out the kitchen door. In his excitement he backed his car with a bang into the back steps. He dashed into the house, bundled Edith into the car and drove off fast-faster still as he heard her groan with pain. Awful fear overtook him as he glanced at Edith's white face.

He dashed up to the door of the hospital. "Are we in time?" he asked excitedly of a nurse who was calmly taking charge of the patient.
"Oh, yes," the nurse replied, smiling

at him as he mopped his brow.

As soon as Henry reached home he telephoned Charles, then went out to repair his back step. Charles did not come home for dinner. Henry ate his in the kitchen. He had his house all to himself, just as he had longed to have it these two weeks but now he wandered about like a lost sheep. How dreary the old house was!

Everywhere he looked he saw Edith's white face and the pathetically brave little smile she had given him as the nurse wheeled her away.

Finally about nine o'clock Charles telephoned there was nothing to report. Henry told himself he might as well go to bed. After tossing and turning for two hours he exclaimed aloud, "Thunderation! I'm an old fool but I can stand it no longer." He dressed and drove down to the hospital. He found Charles pacing the floor.

"Why can't somebody come and tell me how she is?" Charles groaned.

Henry's thoughts went back twenty-

six years to the night he had paced this same floor. Another hour went by. "Don't you think you better go home, Mr. Spafford?" Charles asked, "You look tired.'

"You don't look like a fresh May morning yourself, Chuck. If you don't mind I'd like to stay.

"Mind! I'm grateful to have some one to speak to. I never supposed having babies was like this. We'll never have any more."

"You'll change your mind when you see the fine boy that's just arrived," the doctor said, entering the waiting room, "As fine a seven months' baby as I've ever seen."

"My wife, is she-?

"She's doing all right. You go home now and see them tomorrow." Turning to Mr. Spafford he asked, "Are you the grandfa-? Bless my soul, if it isn't Henry Spafford! What are you doing

"I don't rightly know," Henry replied as he sank into a chair.

THE next day Henry went upstairs and opened the door of a room long unused. Gay little Mother Goose figures decorated the walls. In the corner was a crib. Nearby stood a tiny table and a tiny chair. Under the thick coat of dust lay the buried hopes of twentysix years ago.

Henry walked over to the window and threw up the shade. As he did so he noticed Mrs. Greene digging in her yard. She paused and leaned on her shovel. Her stooping shoulders looked old and tired.

Henry fell to thinking of how his son had died and Mrs. Greene's son had lived only to end up in the penitentiary. Maybe there were worse things than death. A sudden impulse made him go downstairs, out into his garden and say, "Good morning, Mrs. Greene.'

'Mornin'," she responded.

Henry went around the end of the dividing fence. "Here, give me the shovel.

She looked up, much surprised. "Say, that's kind of you. I thought I'd make a bed for flowers, Your'n looks so pretty.

It was Henry who looked surprised now; it had never occurred to him that Mrs. Greene, too, loved flowers.

She sat down on an old bench and folded her workworn hands in her lap, the widowed hands that had given her idolized boy the education that she had missed-and now her joy in him had become gall and wormwood. As she watched Henry spade up the flower bed her caustic tongue was unusually silent. When he finished she thanked him and said, "The baby come all right, I heard. Edith's a sweet

Henry went home, thinking he

would give her some of his roses. Charles came home that night exuberantly happy. He had seen Edith and the baby. The nurse said Chuck Jr. looked like Edith. "Why don't you go down tomorrow, Mr. Spafford, and see the baby. You can look at him through a window. He's so small they keep him in an incubator.'

Henry went to the hospital the following afternoon. On the maternity floor he found the baby window. Such a lot of tiny infants he had never seen. A nurse asked which baby he wished to see and signaled to a nurse inside to bring Baby Durant to the window. 'What a homely little mite!" Henry was thinking when the nurse asked, 'Are you his grandfather? He looks like you.

Henry chuckled. "Our bald pates are alike anyway.'

"Do you want a peek at your daughter?" She opened the door of number 307 and announced, "Here is your father to see you, Mrs. Durant.

Edith opened her eyes. "My fa-" The nurse had gone and there stood Mr. Spafford.

"She took me for Chuck Jr.'s grandfather," Henry explained, smiling down at Edith looking very sweet with her halo of golden hair. "He's the handsomest baby I've ever seen."

"The doctor says he looks like Chuck," Edith answered happily. "Chuck and I'd like-" She hesitated, looking up into Henry's florid face. "You've been so kind to us, Mr. Spafford, we'd like-"

"Like what?"

"Would you mind if we called the baby Charles Henry?

Henry tried to speak but his Adam's apple choked him. Finally he blurted out. "Thunderation. I'm not fit to have the little fellow named for-

"We want little Charles Henry to grow up to be a good man like you."

Henry had to get out his handkerchief and mop his face. "Would you do an old man a favor, Edith?'

"Of course. What is it?

Would you and Chuck and the baby come and live in my home with me? There's a pleasant south room Charles Henry could have for a nursery and now the park's been voted the little fellow can play there and I'll get him a velocipede.

Edith took hold of Henry's hand and her big blue eyes shone with happiness. "God is good to us," she whispered. Please lean down; I want to kiss

you."

Henry, much embarrassed and equally pleased, said softly, "Thunderation!" Then he added, "I must say good-bye for I'm going to stop at 'The Beacon' office to see my old friend, Jim Kittredge. If I don't he's sure not to get Charles Henry Durant's name correct in the paper."

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THE DROTHERS

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would, by that route, have to carry Ben in his arms for a mile and a half.

These brothers were good woodsmen, and they knew all about rattlesnakes-how very deliberate are their movements; how ready to strike at anything that passes close to them, even though it may not touch them; how having once been provoked into striking, they are irritably ready to strike again. They knew that of the sexes the female is far larger and more vicious and dangerous than the male. Somewhere on that bank, perhaps in the very same place from which he had struck Ben, this chimera lay, invisible and deadly and ready.

"Jim, my brother," said Ben faintly, 'I'm afraid I am going to leave you. One thing you must promise me: don't go back on that bank to get help for me. You know and I know what would happen to you; and if you live, you can help look out for my Sallie and the children. It would not do for both of us to go.

With that Ben spoke no more. He was in a coma.

Jim had made no promise; and, even if he had, it is doubtful if he would have changed his heart's decision. He stood up beside the now prostrate Ben, a valiant solitary figure surrounded by the vast and mysterious seamarsh.

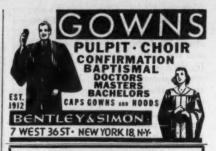
'I don't know," he said to himself, if Ben is still alive or not; but anyhow I got to get him home right now, and

the bank is the only way."

Kneeling beside Ben, Jim got his great arms under him, lifted him, and bore him back along the dim and misty bank where for a certainty was lying in ambush that formidable creature that the Seminoles used to call "the Great King," huge in bulk, growing to a length of nine feet, wise and implacable, the serpent terror of the Western world.

And Jim knew exactly what he was like: he knew all about rattlesnakes. From years of roaming that wild country he had long become familiar with its most dangerous inhabitant; and now, burdened heavily, in the darkness, with naked feet and legs, he was able to visualize what he knew was lying beside the path: the sullen and massive spade-shaped head; the wide jaws articulated with the strength of steel: the cold unlidded eves of bloodshot topaz; the faint chill pallor of thin contemptuous lips, drooping maliciously at the corners of the mouth.

You may not believe in guardian spirits; but John Milton did, and so did Joan of Arc. I think such a spirit must have attended those brothers that night; for almost miraculously Jim made his way safely home with



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his burden, A doctor was summoned, and Ben was rushed to the nearest hospital, where antivenin and the best medical care saved his life. But it was really Jim who had saved his brother; for the doctors had said that a halfhour more would have been too late.

Jim spent all the next day hunting the big rattler. He dug the creature, a huge female, out of her den beneath the giant pine on the bank, and killed

"Now Ben and I can walk that bank at night," he said.

Hearing this story about the brothers, I at once went to see them. And in their simple and unaffected way they told me just what happened, authenticating in detail the tale I had heard. Said Ben, who by that time had almost recovered, "Jim ought never to have took the chance he did."

Jim laughed.

You say that, Ben," he replied, "But if I had been in your place, you would have done the very same thing I did.

And I am convinced that Ben would have done so. I believe it because a thrilling and infallible truth came to light ages and ages ago: Perfect love casteth out fear. Surely one great manifestation of love is courage; and the spiritual origin and operation of the universe are such that this glory is made accessible to every human being.

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little private dramas.

It always puts a new heart into me to think of those black devoted brothers. Valor like theirs, displayed for no audience, helps to redeem much of the weakness of humanity. Acting simply and directly but nobly, their behavior in a time of great physical and mental agony suggests to all of us the mysterious capacity for courage inherent in even some of the least pretentious people on earth.

Lessons My Mother Taught Me

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work. If I left you nothing else but a will to work, I would leave you the

most priceless gift."

Mother always seemed to put hard work and service to others into her every waking minute. She rejoiced in the work of serving her family's needs. Even if it was two o'clock in the morning when I came home from working, Mother would be sitting by the stove, waiting up to hear me tell each experience of the day, waiting to put courage into the heart of her son. (Continued on the next page)

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It always has been one of my ambitions to "build a business that knows no completion." In working and growing you can find ways of always keeping young, forever learning, always accepting new challenges and opportunities.

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While putting these two principles to work in your life you will automatically be faced with the third. You surely will feel the need of some sustaining Power beyond and above yourself.

It is the tragedy of this age that whole races of man seem to have sunk into confused despair and a faithless surrender to fatalism. They feel that they have lost control over their own destiny-that war tyranny and personal bewilderment have swallowed them up and tossed them about like hopeless robots. They follow false prophets of godlessness and materialism. In order to save your immortal soul, you must battle the ideologies and philosophies of imposed destiny and disbelief, and utilize the Power we call God.

You may have to search hard, in this disbelieving time, to discover religious belief that can sustain you throughout life. But it can be found, in many places and in many ways. You may find it in prayer and in silent meditation; you may find it in the quiet church and the understanding of a minister; you may find it in the teachings of the Bible and the philosophers whose secrets of the good life stand the test of modern psychology and today's problems.

I have seen demonstrated, beyond possibility of any doubt, the truth of Jesus' words: "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."

What a man can imagine or conceive in his mind, he can accomplish. Impossibles are only impossibles as thinking makes them so. Faith can unleash the power that enables you to accomplish whatever you really set out to do.

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By MONICA WILLIAMS

THE little white-haired lady stepped from the side door of the modest frame parsonage so briskly you would never have known her heart was breaking. She gave a quick wry glance at the basket of bulbs and trowel she carried, and then moved determinedly across the yard. It was a bit chilly and the wind was sharp that bright March morning in 1948, but wind and chill hold small discomfort for those whose security has been cruelly snatched away.

At the border Pastor Jim had spaded up a week before, Mother Johnson knelt quietly, making almost a ritual of it. Drawing off her gloves, she thrust her work-scarred fingers deep into the soil, let the damp earth crumble back upon itself. Already she felt better. Planting, she pondered, always brought her to her knees.

It was good soil. And a good place to live. But only last night her husband had told her they must leave the parsonage and Oakridge Church. Patiently he had tried to soften the blow. "The people need a new church building. That means a new pastor who can throw his youth into the task." The little lady of the parsonage took her husband's hands in hers and together they looked into the firelight. "I know what you mean, Jim," she said flatly, trying hard to keep bitterness out of her voice. "We're worn out," she faltered. "We're—too old!"

"It's not that they've asked me to

No, Mother Johnson knew, they didn't have to ask. Someone had only

to drop careless words about the need for "new blood," "a younger man." That's all it took to kill the spirit of a man who had faithfully given his best. It was hard to admit they were old. Jim would be sixty-six next month, and she was sixty-five. Twenty years in one charge was a long time, but how quickly the time had gone!

Kneeling there by the flower bed, hands stained with the richness of the good earth, Mother Johnson remembered. The year they came to Oakridge, David, the youngest of their three children, had tagged solemnly along behind her when she brought out her bulbs on such a morning as this. When the carefully tended tulip and hyacinth buds were swollen large under the warm sun, just ready to break into fragrant beauty, the little toddler had impulsively snapped off two of the biggest ones. Mother Johnson remembered how she had indignantly spanked the youngster and sent him off to bed. She remembered, and felt a mistiness in her eyes. A little boy's repentant tears seemed suddenly of much more value than many tulip and hyacinth blossoms. Would David.



One couple drops in on another for a chat at Memorial Home Community,

MEXT FALL MAY BE TOO LATE

In the world-welter of nation rising against nation, of pestilence and destruction, of the elements in commotion, does not the stark realism of these sentences from a letter recently sent us ring as a warning.

"I was going to send the money this fall: but the Lord said, Send it now; next fall may be too late. Wouldn't it be wonderful if He came to this Feat of the Trumpets, the ingethering of the Harvest? God does all things in order."

And here is something for the earnest child of God to think about. What and if He should come at the time of the blowing of trumpets? What and if you were then suddenly caught up to be with Him? Do you not think it would please Him wonderfully, that you should now have your part in a testimony that warns Israel of the wrath to come? And do you know a better way to please Him, than to snatch a few brands from the burning, a few Jewish souls that will be your trophies when you meet Him face to face?

The time is short. That is why so many of the Lord's choicest saints are counting it a joy to fellowship with us in our God-given task of these last days. Perhaps if you will make it a matter of earnest prayer, He will lead you also to become a burden bearer with us.

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now in seminary, ever think of the incident? she wondered. And what did Oakridge mean to the girls, now married, who used to wheel their dolls to see the swaving tulip parade?

to see the swaying tulip parade?

Mother Johnson turned her trowel.

A bit of herself she had planted each year along with her bulbs, and now the soil was rich. She and Jim would not be here when the tulips held up their cherry cups and the hyacinths burst into popcorn clusters of white and lavender. But still she would plant. A preacher's wife, she was used to planting seed that she never harvested.

Her tulips and hyacinths were always so pretty, everyone said. This year she wanted them to be prettier than ever, and lovingly she planted. But she was not thinking of the past, now. She was thinking of the future, the uncertain, frightening future.

Jim had told her of a way out for them, as they had sat in front of the fire. "A home in Florida," he said. "They call it Memorial Home Community, and it's for folks just like us. We might be able to get one of the apartments."

An old peoples' home! Mother Johnson's fingers involuntarily tightened within her husband's firm grasp. So many years before they had dreamed in front of another fire—dreamed of the great things they were going to do for their Lord, the brave adventures they would have together. And now, an old peoples' home! A poorhouse!

"No, it's not like that at all," her husband tried to reassure her, but down in his heart the tired old warrior of the Cross wondered, too. "We can't buy a home," he said apologetically and gently, "and it's not likely we could find anything to rent on the little pension we'll get—"

And so the letter had gone off that chill March morning. And Mother Johnson troweled in her tulip bulbs with her heart empty and her mind protesting. Their friends were here in Oakridge. Their roots were down deep in Michigan. And Florida was so far away. How could she endure just to sit around—no tulips, no bright little ways of helping people, nothing to do but wait with folded hands for the last merciful breath to go out of her?

Mother Johnson still wondered, after their letter of acceptance had come and they had packed their household goods, disposing of the pieces they would not need. She tried bravely to smile when Jim looked at her queerly and said, "Remember Lot's wife, Mother!" Then it was time to take a last fond look about the place, time to give a fleeting farewell glance at the tulips and hyacinths that would soon be perfuming the air—for someone else. It helped when they had found they could have a garden and flowers at their new home; the trowel and garden

things were securely packed.

It was a lovely morning when their train pulled in at Green Cove Springs. The genial Superintendent was there to greet them, "How nice of you to come yourself," Mother Johnson told him.

The eight-mile drive seemed to her flat and uninteresting, not like fertile Michigan hills. When they reached the wide entrance, she noticed the American flag flying from a tall white staff set in a circle of flowering shrubs. "See, it's still America," Jim grinned at his wife, and she felt better. Palms lined each side of the wide boulevard, and then Mother Johnson saw the magnolia trees with their glossy green leaves. "How bright and shining they are! Almost as good as our oak and maple trees," she whispered.

Their car drew up in front of one of the apartment buildings and the Superintendent walked with them across the green lawn and helped carry their suitcases. He introduced several neighbors passing by, and went with them into the apartment. "We want everyone to be happy here in his own way," he assured them. "We don't try to make people over at our age." At our age, he said. In this strange little village, years did not separate folks; the years were a common bond.

AFTER he had gone Grace and Jim stood together a moment in silence, a lovely, reverent moment. So this was to be home. What a nice apartment and how attractive the land-

scaped grounds! But it still wasn't—
"Mr. and Mrs. Johnson!" called a cheery voice at the door. "May we come in?" It was the Smiths, a couple the Superintendent had introduced. "Did you bring your sheets and pillow slips with you?" plump little Mrs. Smith inquired. "I thought I could help you make the 'Murphy.' Here, let me show you how it pulls down." While she demonstrated the workings of the bed, her husband opened the wide casement window and showed Jim how to light the oil heater with a match stuck in a bamboo cane. "We don't need furnaces down here," he explained. "And what a relief to get away from bleak Northern winters."

After lunch there was another knock. A second neighbor had come to say "Welcome" and to invite them to have supper with them, "next door." Another asked if they would like to drive with him to the village store for groceries. On the way he told them about the lovely 100' x 25' garden he had, and when they returned, suggested all walk over together. There they were introduced to several "gardeners," both men and women, who filled their hands with lettuce, green beans, and tender young radishes. "Tomorrow morning you'll get busy and stake out our own

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plot," Grace told her husband gruffly

to keep her gratitude from overflowing. Early the next day "Paper Boy," a Baptist minister, called and brought them a complimentary copy of the morning news. A Presbyterian minister came and introduced himself as "Historian." It was nice to be able to tell him about themselves, their children and the churches they had served. He wanted to know, too, the honors Jim received at college and seminary. It seemed like a link with home to know that someone cared about their past. And it was all to be put on record, he said. Jim barely had time before lunch to go over to the gardens for a closer study of the sandy gray soil. Grace watched him as he strode off

contentedly, then she hurried into the apartment. When she reappeared, she was humming softly to herself and lightly swinging a small basket from her gloved hand. Shading her eyes, she looked toward the gardens again, then moved suddenly out of sight....

Before the week was out the presidents of both men's and women's Bible classes called to enroll them, and on Sunday they were presented to the as-sembled school. When it was announced during the closing exercises that the Guild would meet Wednesday afternoon, the lady who sat beside Grace-the couple next door had walked to the chapel with them-whispered, "All women are members of the Guild. I'll call for you."

Following the chapel service, the Johnsons found themselves the center of attraction. Everyone seemed so glad to see them and wanted to shake hands. It reminded them of their first service back at Oakridge. "We'll be seeing you soon," many told them.

THE chairman of religious services invited Jim to preach and put him down for the first vacant Sunday. The Literary Committee was joining with the Sunday school and choir in arranging a pageant; Grace was pleased when they asked Jim to take part.

The Tuesday morning reading and discussion circle wanted them to come in, but there was so much to do right now and they planned to attend the Friday morning meeting of intercessory prayer each week. Both were asked to lead in turn. Jim was invited, too, to lead the Wednesday evening prayer service.

Grace soon found a place for her own ability, teaching in the Penney Farms school where Bible study is conducted regularly by Guild members. And she was glad to help with the Loyal Temperance League and joined with the ladies of her house in entertaining the girls at her apartment after their meeting at their leader's.

What multitudes of new friends they had made! What a busy, purposeful life it was, Grace mused, a few weeks later, as she sat by the window for a moment.

"Grace!"

She had not heard Jim's footsteps. She looked up, and there he stood, his face glowing, looking like a farmer with the basket of greens he had

brought in from his garden.
"I've had a garden, too," she told him shyly. And taking his hand in hers, she led him outside to a hidden corner plot of the graceful, friendly dwelling. "Shut your eyes!" she commanded, and guided him the last few steps. "Now!"

Jim opened his eyes, looked first at his wife's proud grin, then down ata blooming, crimson-flecked tulip!

They'll grow here, too," Grace told him, her head back and her eyes shining. "I saved out one bulb from my Spring planting." Then she looked down at the lone flower. "I know now that we didn't lose what has gone before; we never will lose it, for out of old life always comes new. And, Jim," she pointed out happily, "do you see how lovely a tulip looks alongside of hibiscus?

And arm in arm they walked back into their apartment. They were truly THE END



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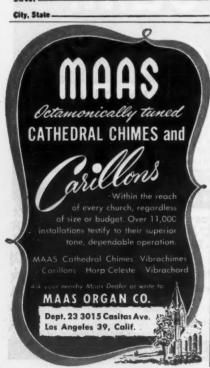
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ABOUT THOSE K. OF C. ADS

(Continued from page 23)

Catholics and non-Catholics the word was spread that religious instruction was available, without charge, to any

who requested it.

But the program would never have attained its present scope had it not been for a Catholic layman. Charles F. Kelley, Jr., until his death in 1947, was head of an advertising agency in St. Louis. Sensing the soundness of Fallon's idea, he demanded to know why the force of advertising could not be enlisted to help promote it. In June of 1944, the Missouri State Council of the Knights of Columbus undertook publication of several different ads in local papers; these appeared on a weekly basis. The response was good; a single test ad drew 1500 inquiries within three weeks. Swiftly other K. of C. councils, both state and local, adopted the idea. And in 1947 the Supreme Council of the K. of C. agreed to sponsor the drive nationally,

A series of ads was placed in four national magazines—Household, Liberty, Pathfinder and the American Weekly. During the first seven months of this experiment, 102,103 requests for material were received, and by November of 1947 the K. of C.'s "Religious Information Bureau" announced that 43,694 persons had been

enrolled for study.

Encouraged by this success, the K. of C. increased its advertising to include Collier's, Grit, the Atlantic Monthly and This Week, plus a list of Canadian newspapers and magazines. Total expense for magazine advertising alone—exclusive of the cost of texbooks, various pamphlets and the huge correspondence incident thereto—was in the neighborhood of \$350,000 last year.

In addition, more than 600 local councils of the K. of C. have incorporated the ads, or others of their own devising, in their home-town papers. The aggregate cost of these presentations is tremendous; it has been estimated that in one city alone the cost of running a weekly ad for a year in three leading newspapers amounted to \$16,732.

But apparently the K. of C. considers the campaign well worth the cost, for it was recently announced that plans call for even better coverage during the current year.

A promotional booklet, done in the cartoon-book technique, tells "how a priest is putting mailmen all over the world to work for Christ's Church" and goes on to say: "In a few years' time, the Home Study Service has grown into a religious instruction class covering 48 states and many foreign countries. A new class of prospective converts begins every day."

Trumpeted everywhere is the fact that all this service to the non-Catholic is free. Apparently not only are such pecunious groups as the K. of C. ready and willing to devote huge sums to "saving" non-Catholics, at no expense to same, but thousands of little people everywhere are contributing from their meager resources to the stellar purpose of converting their neighbors and thus hastening the day when America shall be predominantly Catholic. Says this booklet: "If you want to know something about Communism, the Communist headquarters will flood you with literature. Should a non-Catholic who wants to find out about the Church have to pay even a dime?

Just how many converts to Catholicism have been made as a result of this tremendous program? It is impossible to say. Father Fallon himself will not venture an estimate. But he can show you hundreds of letters from persons who, following completion of the course or as the result of other correspondence, indicate a readiness to see a local priest looking toward baptism as Catholics. Among these are many Protestants and/or ex-Protestants—Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians and what-have-you.

THERE'S no point to kidding our-selves. Protestants cannot deny a certain amount of apprehension at the obvious and well-directed attempt to raid our ranks. But we would not deny them that right. Such activity, though it could be better directed toward the unchurched, is perfectly allowable in a nation founded on the principle of complete religious freedom, a land where any faith has the right to disseminate its principles and attempt to win non-adherents to its beliefs and practices. Catholics have rejoiced in this freedom, and are making the most of it-while doubtless comparing with relish this status of a minority faith against that which they themselves grant religious minorities in lands where they have the majority.

We cannot deny an admiration for the zeal and intelligence poured into this modern mode of propagating a faith. But there our admiration comes to a halt. For in sad contrast with the methods of propagation being used are the contents of the propaganda itself. As Paul Blanshard points out in "American Freedom and Catholic Power," a book that has raised more wrath among the hierarchy than any work during the past century and whose incontrovertible evidence they cannot explain away:

Unfortunately the campaign has used all the familiar devices of secular misrep-(Continued on page 72)

No Sad Songs For Me

As fellow players in an industry of which we are proud, and to which we devote our talents and our efforts, we would like to make public our applause of the brave and tender story of NO SAD SONGS FOR ME and Margaret Sullavan for her amazing exposition of a woman's inner glory.

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This is a story of courage and people...not special people, but ordinary every-day people.., with a background of an average middlesized town.

Mary Scott is one of these people, a woman of courage... of great courage and spirit. There are thousands and thousands of Mary Scotts... They live in small hamlets and big cities. Life gives them the same benefits and the same penalties... and the same sacrifices.

But in telling the story of this particular Mary Scott and her great love for her husband and child, there is as well within the confines of a screenplay, a theme that is as wide as all humanity in its appeal... something that has gained momentum in newspaper headlines everywhere and will continue to hold the interest of the entire world until the eventual hoped-for day of solution.

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PICTURE OF THE MONTH

THIS is the gripping drama of a woman who masters one of life's greatest problems—how to meet life and death with equal poise. Handled with delicacy, good taste and integrity, "No Sad Songs For Me" (Columbia) is one of those heartwarming films which occasionally come along to instruct and inspire the spirit as well as entertain the mind and move the emotions.

In "No Sad Songs" we meet a normal American family living happily together as people who love and trust one another, taking everything which comes along with a "togetherness" that is the stamp of strong family life. They share in the life of a congenial community, with father working, mother performing her church and community tasks, and daughter going to school.

Then disaster, in the form of illness, strikes. Mary, the mother, discovers from the family doctor that her lease on life cannot be a long one. Motivated by her great affection, she keeps the truth from them, sparing her husband sorrow and preparing her daughter to be reliant by imparting to her a feeling of life's beautiful continuity, no matter what happens.

Some may think there is not in the film sufficiently outspoken expression of spiritual and Christian approach to the situation, but we feel it is strongly implied. Mary sews and works at the church and meets her friends there on a Christian footing. After a first moment of hysteria, when she learns of her husband's friendship with a lonely young woman-a relation he relinquishes consciously and gladly when he recognizes its dangershe realizes the girl is a nice person and becomes her friend. These situations might have been over dramatized and the whole story made sadly sentimental; instead romance, drama and happiness are well-blended and, above all, naturalness prevails. The film is realistic, impressive, intelligent. Margaret Sullavan is superb in her role as a wife and mother; most American women will want to identify themselves with her.

There is a flaw or two, such as the scene where husband and wife spend New Year's Eve at a party where champagne is served. While this might be excused as a device to relieve the urgency of Mary's dilemma, we feel there could have been

"No Sad Songs For Me"



Margaret Sullavan (seated) as Mary Scott and Jeanette Nolan as Mona Frene enact a poignant scene from Columbia's superb film, "No Sad Songs For Me."

presented a better and more helpful way of entering the New Year. On the whole, we find the film a good step in the right direction toward depicting decent and courageous living.

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OTHER CURRENT FILMS

Audience Suitability Ratings: A-Adults; Y-Young people 12 to 18; F-Family.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Except where so stated, these reviews are not to be construed as endorsements, either of specific films or of movie-going in general. They are for the guidance of readers who attend motion pictures, not inducements to those who do not. The "suitability" classification, moreover, is no guarantee the film is flawless; it is merely a guide.

OUR VERY OWN (RKO). Is it right to keep from a child the fact of his adoption? The treatment given to this question in this drama of American family life should inspire some serious thinking on the matter. It is the story of a young girl who, discovering on the eve of her high school graduation that she is adopted goes through a phase of deep resentment. An unadorned portrayal of American youth given to uninhibited self-expression, this film will be enjoyed in proportion to the measure of identification by the audience.

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THE BICYCLE THIEF (Vittorio de Sica Production. Mayer & Burstyn Release). In this brilliantly executed story of a man's fruitless search for his stolen bicycle, contemporary Italy with its multiplicity of social and moral problems, is strikingly depicted and "the simple annals of the poor" are chronicled in a masterly way. The absence of spiritual values in present-day Europe is pathetically evident but the father-and-son relationship is touchingly beautiful.

A, Y

BLACK HAND (MGM). In the early 1900's some Italians endeavoring to establish themselves in this country were terrorized by the "Black Hand." This story, based on incidents found in N. Y. police records, reconstitutes this situation. It succeeds as an action-packed melodrama, well-directed and capably acted throughout. Excellent characterizations and superior photography impart the realistic atmosphere of New York's lower East side at the time depicted.

A, Y

KIND HEARTS AND CORONETS (Eagle-Lion). In a British prison cell at the beginning of the century, a man (Dennis Price) is awaiting punishment for a crime he did not commit. As the last act of a supreme egotist, he completes his memoirs reading them with evident pride and satisfaction. Their revelations are enacted in flashback. The irony is that the man was the deliberate murderer of several other persons but had never been found out. This may seem like a gruesome story-and, in essence, it is. But due to some amazing characterizations, clever twists of plot, exquisite settings and music, it is interesting adult entertainment.

PERFECT STRANGERS (Warners). Against the background of a murder trial, the dilemma of two married people who fall in love while on jury duty by their understanding of the situation which brought about the crime they are considering. The procedure of jury selection and instruction, the protection the law guarantees the accused until his guilt is proved beyond doubt, court-room scenes without histrionics-these are all of educational as well as entertainment value. The solution of the personal problem is morally and socially satisfactory.

THE ASTONISHED HEART (Universal-International). The exploration of an often-surveyed subject-the infatuation of a married man for a woman other than his wife-is considered from a clinical, psychoanalytical viewpoint and, as such, may be termed an ultra-sophisticated film. It can also be taken as a powerful warning against adultery. There is a great deal of social drinking as an "accepted"

DEAR WIFE (Paramount). In this sequel to "Dear Ruth" all the characters previously met engage with much gusto in the adventures of a political campaign. Developed from an excellent script, it portrays believable family life and is entertaining throughout.

THE GLASS MOUNTAIN (Eagle-Lion). An artistic drama with good characterization and excellent music. The story is of a married man, who under the stringencies of war, falls in love with another woman, and is eventually brought to himself and reunited with a patient, understanding wife. Beautiful Italian background, skiing, actual opera per-formances and superior photography. A, Y

COMANCHE TERRITORY (Universal-International). This western presents the sure-winning formula of the honest man upholding the good faith of the government toward the Indians who have been tricked so often that they are wary. All ends well after some fast-paced action, with beautiful scenery, much spectacular riding, some fighting. A few historical details give some importance to this routine tale.

WABASH AVENUE (20th Century-Fox). The Chicago World's Fair of 1893 provides the background for this romantic musical concerning dance-hall entertainers. The girl (Betty Grable) is unduly vulgar, violent and rough-spoken in some sequences featuring suggestive songs and dances. Some women temperance crusaders are caricatured and drinking is made the subject of affectionate mirth. A lavish production for a shabby story.

SO YOUNG, SO BAD (United Artists). Socially significant as to theme and presentation, this is a study of delinquent adolescent girls and their treatment in a politics-ridden reformatory. Some of the old methods of punishment with their sadistic factors are pitilessly exposed. Causes for delinquencies are explained but not excused. Paul Henreid is convincing as the conscientious, sympathetic psychiatrist. A. Y

CAPTAIN CAREY, U.S.A. (Paramount). This is a melodrama featuring extreme anger and brutal action. The settings are beautiful and the photography has documentary quality. But the plot is A, Y far-fetched and cumbersome.

MA AND PA KETTLE GO TO TOWN (Universal-International). Pa Kettle is winning bigger and better prizes by entering more contests. This time, it is a trip to New York for exalting the merits of a soft drink. The Kettles' adventures provide good fun which does not deteriorate into vulgarity. The family relationships are good, and honesty is the main quality.

OUICKSAND (United Artists). In this closely woven web of crime we see a brash but weak young man (Mickey Rooney) trying to extricate himself but getting into deeper trouble by committing dishonest acts and, finally, apparent murder. The suggestions for meeting ethical demands dishonestly are many. Suspense is well maintained, photography is good, the settings are realistic. But the shallow treatment of such a serious subject lessens its social significance.

YOUNG MAN WITH A HORN (Warners). The story of a man with one passion, his trumpet. Kirk Douglas gives an excellent impersonation, the music being actually rendered by Harry James. The film's greatest appeal will be to jazz enthusiasts. There is a great deal of drinking, but the point is strongly made that no good ever comes of it.

FATHER IS A BACHELOR (Columbia). When the "professor" of a medicine show is jailed, his partner is happy to spend his time loafing and fishing. Responsibility comes against his wish when he becomes interested in five orphaned children and turns into a family man. The children teach the "grown-up" a lesson in honesty and ethical behavior. The professor's drinking is shown as undesirable. Pleasant entertainment with a "homey"

THE DAUGHTER OF ROSIE O'GRADY (Warners). Sentimental tale of days when vaudeville was at its height. A rather familiar plot. Contains an offensive drinking scene, and some of the humor is slyly vulgar. A, Y

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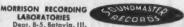
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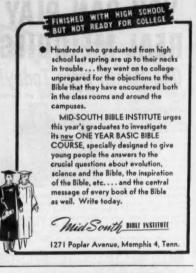
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resentation . . . It adopts the transparent device of misstating slightly the major criticisms of non-Catholics about the hierarchy's reactionary dogmas; then it denies these misstatements lustily, at-tempting to give the casual reader the impression that the underlying criticisms on which the misstatements are based are also untrue. This device is called by logicians "the fallacy of irrelevant con-clusion." . . . The American people have been conditioned by the commercial techniques of press, screen and radio to accept off-center truth in advertising with a complacent lack of discrimination. The attempt of the hierarchy and the Knights of Columbus to soften the impact upon American public opinion of Rome's arrogant teachings is significant chiefly because it shows how embarrassed some American Catholics are by the mediaeval doctrines of Rome. They are attempting to disguise the worse features of their own faith by double-talk.*

Plenteous examples of this "transparent device of misstating slightly the criticism" and kicking to death the straw man thus raised may be found in all the K. of C. ads. For instance, says the propaganda, there is the notion held by non-Catholics "that Catholics believe all non-Catholics are headed for Hell." This arises from the dogma that "outside the Catholic Church there is no salvation," and gives American Catholic apologists a terrible time. Fallon and the K. of C. make a pass at it, but it's a feeble one:

The idea that ALL non-Catholics are headed for hell has its origins in the teachings of Christ-and hence of the Catholic Church-that unless a person is validly baptized, he cannot enter heaven. But some people are, through no fault of their own, prevented from the reception of Baptism. For them, the desire of Baptism could be sufficient. . . . But if a person realized that the Catholic Church is the one Society instituted by Christ for man's salvation, and that he is therefore obliged to belong to it, he would de-liberately exclude himself from heaven should he refuse to become a member. The Church has always taught that no one is held responsible by God for a duty that he cannot fulfill because of ignorance which is no fault of his own.

But suppose that a person is not ignorant, that he has been exposed to the Catholic claim to be the "One True Church" and rejects it as unreasonable and historically unfounded, where does that leave him? Read it one way, and it seems that he is still among the excused "ignorant"; read it another and it seems that he has definitely put himself "outside the fold."

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separation of Church and State. In the booklet sent to answerers of the ad, Why the Catholic Church says 'Investigate." there is a chapter titled "Is the Catholic Church a Threat to Our American Heritage?" Herein great claims are made for the true Americanism of every Catholic from the cardinals down, One Charles Carroll, the only Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence, it trotted out as "among the first staunch advocates" of the Bill of Rights, and "to him and to his cousins Daniel and John (the first Catholic bishop in the United States), as well as to other Catholics, and to Protestants and Jews alike, we are indebted for our constitutional principles of religious liberty, won over much opposition.'

The piece goes on to say: "Throughout our history . . . the voice of the Catholic Church in America [notice that qualifying 'in America'!] has been unanimous in praise of this fundamental freedom.'

This attempt to Americanize Roman Church polity is a worthy one. But history is witness to the fact that the policy of the totalitarian Church, while it may bide its time by making grudging concessions to expediency in this land or that, is unchanging.

We get a truer picture of the Church's stand on this question by turning to the official pamphlet, "Freedom of Worship: the Catholic Position," by Francis J. Connell. Published in the U. S. A. by the Paulist Press, this bears the imprimatur of Cardinal Spellman-an American cardinal, mind you. From this document we read:

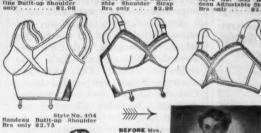
Catholics . . . hold that any creed which differs from that of the Catholic Church is erroneous and that any religious organization which is separated from the Catholic Church lacks the approval and the authorization of God. The very existence of any other church is opposed to the command of Christ that all men should join His one Church.... Such then is the first Catholic principle relevant to religious liberty-that a man has not an unqualified right to practice any religion he may choose. It was in accord with this principle that Pope Pius IX in his Syllabus of 1864 condemned the proposition: Every man is free to embrace and to profess that religion which guided by the light of reason he judges true.'

The mere fact that a person sincerely believes a certain religion to be true gives him no genuine right to accept that religion in opposition to God's command that all must embrace the one true religion. Neither does it necessarily oblige others to allow him the unrestricted practice of his religious beliefs. . . . The Catholic, convinced as he is that the Catholic religion is the only true religion, is intolerant toward other creeds. No reasonable person can object to such an attitude, for if the Catholic religion is true, all others must be false.

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olics because of their sincere religious convictions. However, this does not necessarily imply that unrestricted freedom must be granted by Catholics to the religious activities of non-Catholics.

Such official literature as this must be vastly embarrassing to the Rev. Mr. Fallon and his 700,000 K. of C. associates! They probably hope against hope that few prospects will see it.

Another "strange thing you hear about Catholics," which the Knights' ads say is erroneous, is that the uninformed believe "non-Catholic marriages are invalid." Of course, it is known — though soft-pedaled here that the Church does not recognize marriages involving Christians performed by public officials, such as a justice of the peace. According to Pope Pius IX, any Catholic married by a civil servant is living in a state of "low and abominable concubinage." everybody is aware that the Church considers no marriage of a Catholic with a non-Catholic valid unless it is performed by a priest, and with the signed proviso that all children of the marriage shall be brought up as Catholics.

But the hierarchy has gone much farther. In the official law of the Roman Church, Canon 1038 states with unequivocal authority and almost unbelievable presumption: "The supreme authority of the Church alone has the right to authentically declare in what cases the Divine law forbids or annuls a marriage."

To quote further from Blanshard:

In practice in the United States, Catholic priests frequently "dissolve" priestly marriages of Catholics and non-Catholics summarily with greater speed than the most debonair judge would permit in the most casual Reno divorce court. I put the word "dissolve" in quotation marks because the priests cannot dissolve any marriage completely in the United States without recourse to our courts, and technically they do not dissolve: they annul. With complete aplomb, they go through the motions of declaring that a valid American marriage does not exist. and when non-Catholics are involved. they often do this with studied unconcern for the traditions of non-Catholic marriage. When Catholics alone are involved in a marriage, the priests are much more cautious about any move to annul it. Then they require elaborate and detailed "evidence" to prove that the marriage was never consummated, or that it was not a bona-fide affair. If the evidence meets the technical requirements of Catholic ecclesiastical law, the Catholic marriage courts can declare a marriage annulled in Catholic law without any reference to American marriage law. For priests the marriage law of the Church is higher than American law.

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It is not explained just how the Old Testament writers could be "Catholic," nor is it brought out anywhere that the Protestant New Testament-the one which really got released to the world over the opposition of the Catholic Church which for centuries kept the Bible chained-is translated not from the Latin Vulgate (Catholic) version but from the Greek manuscripts, guarded and preserved by Greek scholars who never saw Rome. As far as the New Testament is concerned, it would be more correct to say that the Bible is a Greek Orthodox book!

Writing recently in The Gospel Trumpet, Albert F. Gray took the K. of C. gently to task by saying:

You say flatly that Catholics wrote the Bible. Then let me ask why none of these "Catholic writers" ever mentions the Catholic Church? If the bishop of Rome is the supreme head of the Church, why is it that not one writer of the New Testament even hints at such headship? Peter never claimed any such position, and no one else ever claimed it for him. In fact, he did not continue to occupy the place of leadership, for James became the leader of Jewish Christians, and Paul was pre-eminently the apostle to the Gentiles.

Why is it that these "Catholic writers' of the New Testament make no mention of such doctrines and practices as the sacrifice of the mass, prayers for the dead, praying to Mary, auricular confession to a priest, purgatory, the crucifix, candles and images as means of worship, holy water, beads, etc., etc., with no mention of a pope, cardinals, archbishops, nor even bishops according to Catholic usage? Is it not strange that Catholic writers should omit so much of the heart of the Catholic religion?

So the Bible is "a Catholic book"! But why be so modest? If the book God inspired is a Catholic book, why not claim that the God who inspired it is also a Catholic?

The claims in this particular ad would be amusing if they were not so patently designed to mislead the uninformed. The K. of C. apparently thinks the uninformed are many, even in this enlightened day. We doubt that. Even the most casual reader of history knows that after the invention of printing it was the followers of Martin Luther, not the Catholic hierarchy, who translated the Bible into their own languages and brought the Holy Book within the reach of the common people by placing an open Bible in every Protestant church.

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and with extreme reluctance, through long centuries. Even now, to the question, "Can an intelligent person read and interpret and understand the Bible for himself?" one of the K. of C. pamphlets replies with a flat "No!" Enlightenment from the Holy Spirit, who, it was promised by Jesus, would guide us into all truth, apparently is limited to priests.

Thus it would be possible to go through all these ads and literature produced for this campaign and shoot their statements fuller of holes than a Swiss cheese. But the above is enough to demonstrate the casuistry of the contents.

Obviously, Fallon and his associates have done the best they could with the material the hierarchy has handed them. We sympathize with them. It is too bad that their material is not as sound as their methods of propagating it!

We hope that the industrious Father Fallon and his K. of C. backers will not hold it against us. But since their ads say "Investigate! . . . Know the Truth!" we take it that the invitation is given in the broadest sense—and that if, in the spirit of scientific inquiry into the highest possible sources, we discover some inconsistencies in their claims and in the spirit of Christian brotherhood point them out, we will not forthwith be tarred as "apostles of bigotry.

Right, gentlemen?

THE DORMOUSE IS ASLEEP

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this futile speech. Here is how one man playfully described such aloofness:

> I wish that my room had a floor. I don't mind not having a door; But this walking around Without touching the ground Is getting to be quite a bore.

There can be quite a lot of walking around in the pulpit without touching the floor, not touching a single live issue in the lives of the audience. In that sense, sermons which are "out of this world" are vanity of vanities.

A common type of sermon that balloons up in the stratosphere instead of walking the earth is the sermon full of conventional tributes to Jesus and praise of Christian ideals without suggesting a means of putting the ideals into operation.

Such sermons remind me of a bafflled hour last summer with a water heater. It had been installed in a summer cottage when we were all absent, and I was eager to get it started to heating some water. I noticed with glee a notice pasted on the side that apparently had a list of things to do. I read it hurriedly. But I discovered



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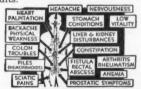
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that it was just a list of vague tributes to the heater, how wonderful it was, how it surpassed everything else on earth! It was "clean, flawless, beautiful, streamlined, tamper proof (not proof, however, against my temper that day!), efficient, economical, automatic." Three cheers! But what I wanted desperately to know was, "How does it work?"

So men and women wish to know how the Christian life may be achieved, how to pray and how to realize God in prayer, how the Kingdom of God may be advanced. None of these needs are met by even the most glowing generalities about Christianity itself until we are told how to get it to work in our lives.

But if the preacher is interested in people rather than speeches, in life rather than rhetoric, and brings truth to the point of experience which the people before him have reached, he will not find a congregation of Dormice going to sleep.

GOD WHISPERED TO ME

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agonizing reality that all the old heartbreaking days were back-the hospital routine; the pitiful pleas to be taken home; the outstretched hand; the stab in my heart each time she said, in a voice ever getting weaker, "I shall be well in the morning!"

Then one day, Nurse came swiftly to my side. "Come quickly!" she said. 'She knows!" She knew me! She reached out an eager hand and drew me down to my knees beside her bed.

"I go," she said in her old, sure way. You stay. I'll work with you! I'll write with you!" They were her last words.

GOD HAD PROMISED that He would not leave me comfortless. That comfort came the day Mae died, in a poem sent me by a church friend, Because of it, I went through the funeral service without shedding a tear. It was balm to my heart, raw with grief, It read:

Think of stepping on shore And finding it Heaven! Think of taking hold of a hand And finding it God's Hand! Of breathing a new air And finding it Celestial Air! Of feeling invigorated And finding it immortality! Of passing from storm and tempest To perfect calm! Of waking and knowing "I am Home!"

She had found that new air! She had found God's Hand. It was morning, and she was well!

I know she is not in some vast, remote Eternity. She is radiantly busy in that "mystic borderline that lies just past the limits of our workaday world." She is but a sigh's breath away, so near she could be guiding my hand!



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Re: Preaching Today

TO THE EDITORS:

I violently disagree with the author of "Pulpits Out of This World" (Jan. '50). Contrary to his opinion, my experience leads me to believe that the apathy toward the church among people of my generation, who are the parents of the present teen-agers, is due to the inordinate emphasis in our youth against smoking, drinking and swearing as the only sins, to the exclusion of all other requirements of a Christian life.

To answer the questions you posed:

(1) I would say that the hell-fire-and-damnation type of preachers stray just as far away from a scriptural basis as do the philosophical type of ministers. With that provision understood, I must agree that much of the preaching I hear is not Bible-centered enough to suit me... We feel more like we've been to church when we hear an expository sermon than when we are treated to a lecture, sincere and timely though it may be. Some ministers need to be reminded, however, that quoting reams of Bible verses does not constitute an expository sermon, but is rather a pompous substitute for a truly Bible-centered idea.

(2) I must add one voice against the type of preaching your author advocates. His criticism of the lack of rapport between minister and listeners could more appropriately be leveled against the hallelujah-shouting preachers. We who go to church week after week have, by and large, behaved impeccably all our lives with regard to the three or four points which your author regards as the cardinal sins. We never smoke, never took a drink in our lives, don't even play cards, much less gamble, have always been faithful to our spouses, and give regularly and sacrificially to the support of the church. We are already convinced that the community evils which your author enumerates are a matter on which we as a church, led by our ministers, should take vigorous action. But we are as interested in the problem of international control over atomic weapons as in the problem of indecent entertainment.

We too would prefer sermons that relate to us as individuals. But we do have deep-down needs and doubts that have nothing to do with tobacco, liquor and strip-tease acts. We want for ourselves and our children a deeper philosophy of life that will give us not only a personal code of behavior but a reason for that code and a foundation on which to base all aspects of our lives.

(3) Texts must of necessity be chosen according to the minister's special study project at any particular time. I venture

the hope that some of the more obvious ones be given a rest, and more attention be paid to the passages that seem obscure or contradictory to laymen. Sermons are more inspirational when they are also educational.

(4) The length also should be determined solely by how much the minister has to say about his topic. Some subjects would be exhausted in ten minutes while others on which he is better informed or has stronger convictions could hold an audience spellbound for forty-five minutes. A minister should be sympathetic enough to realize that a mother, for instance, has to feed her family on Sunday the same as any other day and not be hurt if after an hour her attention wanders because her roast may be burning.

Buffalo, Wuo, DOROTHY BRIM MCCREA

. . From my own observation, the author is 100% correct. I have gone to church all of my 38 years, and shall continue to go. I have traveled a great deal, heard many preachers. I would not wish to be guilty of further discouraging an already indifferent public in the matter of church attendance, but it remains a tragic fact that, if my Christian friends and I were to depend upon our various pastors for spiritual nourishment, we would starve to death. We try to excuse and understand and to be lenient with pastors, but the hideous truth is that the unsaved, sinful, and dishonest people could sit forever under the so-called ministry of our pastors and still feel no awakening of conscience, nor receive any more spiritual inspiration for their inner lives than they would experience from reading the paper.

One reason preachers go all around Robin Hood's barn to escape any mention of sin, judgment, etc., is church finance. The pastor feels he dares not offend even the chief of sinners in his audience for fear of losing the contribution. Pastors have thus compromised until the fear of God is as nothing compared with the fear of not meeting the budget.

Another reason why preachers are ineffectual is that it's much easier to talk about Russia, psychiatry, juvenile delinquency and celestial storm-clouds than it is to preach the Gospel. Sermon preparation is very hard work. It requires skill, much reading and meditation—and, to be effectual, it must have the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Young-married people and youth are not attending church in any encouraging percentage, but the fault is not theirs. Realistically, why in heaven's name should they go? Youth insists upon having its money's worth. Preachers who have a straightforward Gospel message, teaching

a youth how best to live, have youth in their audiences, but such preachers are far too scarce.

We have entirely too many preachers who have gone off on extremist tangents, harping and yelling over some minor doctrine which is of no eternal significance whatsoever. How we do need men of faith! Men of conviction. Men who can deliver the meat of the Scriptures to a soul-hungry nation!

Prescott. Ariz.

(Mrs.) MARTHA HAZELTINE

• The above two letters are representative of two differing opinions on "Pulpits Out of This World." See page 29 for a summation of reader comment.

Omission

TO THE EDITORS:

In my article "How Oklahoma Drys Held the Line" (March '50) there was one deletion which I could not understand, for it seems that without these two sentences a true picture is not given. I had said: "Rev. Roy S. Hollomon, secretary of the UDA, was drafted for full-time service, and resigned his pastorate of the Exchange Avenue Baptist Church of Oklahoma City. He and David Shapard, who had been attorney for the Drys for about a year, would work together to lead the campaign." . . . Mr. Hollomon was very helpful in the preparation of the article, and I am deeply disappointed that he and Mr. Shapard have not received the credit due them. . . . Victory came about because of the cooperation of all bodies in the United Dry Association.

Selman City, Tex.

(MRS.) NEENA Y. MCKOWEN

• Our sincerest apologies to the author and to both these gentlemen for the omission. The blame for the deletion of these two sentences lies heavy upon a harried editorial worker who, forced to cut lines in order to make the article fit its space, cut the wrong ones!

"I Still Have Arthritis"

TO THE EDITORS:

I want to say "Thank you" to Christian Herald readers for the many encouraging letters, kind remembrances and prayers on my behalf. I now realize more fully than ever that the Christian Herald Family is a great group of kindred souls.

I wish I might waft over you one and all a bit of our Florida sunshine, but more than that a great deal of the happy fellowship of this unexcelled Christian Herald Community. Our last great day was the Sunday Mr. J. C. Penney and his son Roswell spent with us. Mr. Penney spoke both morning and evening, and each time fairly lifted our souls with his messages of unbounding faith and love, given with the utmost humility, yet, with the sincerity of a truly great man always seeking to know and to do God's will. Somehow, though unconsciously, he seemed to breathe upon us an inspiration and courage almost divine.

So, you see I still hope and try and of course pray, and, I STILL HAVE ARTHRITIS! (See page 51, Jan. '50.)

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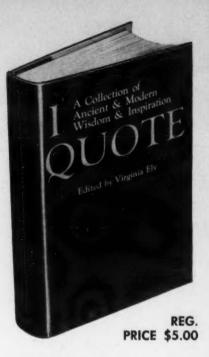
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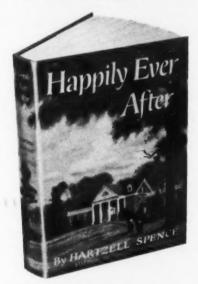
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